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The M. W Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted
Masons of Alabama and its Masonic Jurisdiction, held its
Forty-first Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall,
in the city of Moutgomery, commencing on Monday,
December the 2d, A. D. 1861, A. L. 5861.

PRESENT :

R. W	WILLIAM H. NORRIS, D. G. M., as.	..	Grand Master.
..	L. B. THORNTON.....	..	S. G. W.
..	R. J. DUDLEY.....	..	J. G. W
..	THOMAS WELSH... ..	..	Grand Treasurer.
...	DANIEL SAYRE... ..	..	Grand Secretary.
	D. B. SMEDLEY... ..	..	Grand Chaplain.
	JOHN A. LODOR... ..	..	Grand Orator.
..	A. H. WHETSTONE.....	..	S. G. D.
..	THOMAS J. TAYLOR.....	..	J. G. D.
	MATTHEW STRENNNA... ..	..	Grand Steward.
	THOMAS McDOUGAL... ..	..	Grand Tiler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W.	J. McCALEB WILEY.....	P. G. M.
R. W.	WILLIAM C. PENICK.	P. S. G. W
..	SAMUEL H. DIXON.....	" " " "

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES.

M. W	J. McCALEB WILEY	G. L., of Minnesota.
	H. P. WATSON..	N. Y., Tennessee and Iowa.

And the Representatives of the following Subordinate
Lodges:

LODGES REPRESENTED.

LODGES.	NO.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.	GRADE.
HELION	1	Septimus D. Cabaniss*.....	W. M.
HALO.. .. .	5	John A. Lodor.....	W. M.
FARRAR	8	Sam. Thompson*.. .. .	S. W.
GILEAD	9	{ C. N. Wilcox.....	W M.
		{ John T. Foster*.. .. .	S. W.
ROYAL WHITE HART.....	10	M. M. Lassiter	S. W.
MONTGOMERY.....	11	Daniel Sayre.	W M.
ATHENS	16	{ W A. Hine	W M.
		{ Joshua P. Coman*.....	J. W
LIMESTONE	18	J. N. Martin*.....	W M.
LAFAYETTE.. .. .	26	{ William Kerr*.....	W M.
		{ Isaac Ullman.....	S. W.
SELMA FRATERNAL.	27	{ Richard Faxon.....	W M.
		{ A. J. Goodwin*	S. W.
LOWNDES.....	33	W W Adams.....	W M.
PERRY.. .. .	34	{ W R. Brown.....	W M.
		{ Daniel Couch*.....	S. W.
WASHINGTON.....	36	L. B. Thornton.....	J. W
COURTLAND.	37	F. W. Sykes*.. .. .	W M.
WETUMPKA.	39	Washington L. Cunningham.	W M.
MOBILE... .. .	40	{ W. H. Sadler*	W M.
		{ W. P. Brashear.....	S. W.
LIVINGSTON	41	Ben B. Little*.....	W M.
LEIGHTON	43	Lewis H. Sadler*....	W. M.
GASTON	44	J. H. Hargrove.....	W M.
JACKSON	45	A. D. Hall.	W. M.
HARMONY... .. .	46	{ Thomas Cargile.	W M.
		{ Lewis L. Cato*.....	J. W
UNION	50	James L. Price*.....	W M.
JEFFERSON	51	F. M. Hardwick.	W. M.
NEW MARKET	52	George D. Norris.....	W. M.
AMITY	54	J. B. Smaw*.....	W. M.
TROY.....	56	{ D. B. Smedley*.....	W. M.
		{ J. N. Arrington*.. .. .	S. W
TUSKEGEE.....	57	Isaac M. Ford.	J. W.
BENTON... .. .	59	{ R. J. Dudley.. .. .	W. M.
		{ Henry Traun*.....	S. W.
TOMPKINSVILLE.....	61	J. A. Russell*....	W M.
EUREKA.....	64	{ John Gamble*.....	W M.
		{ W L. Sims.	J. W.
LIBERTY.....	65	{ A. J. Martin.	W M.
		{ Joseph A. Groves*.....	J. W
HAMPDEN SIDNEY	67	A. H. Whetstone.. .. .	W M.
HOLSEY.....	68	A. B. Starke.	J W.

Proxies.

LODGES.	NO.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.	GRADE.
HOWARD.....	69	{ Peleg Brown* ..	W. M.
		{ R. F. Knott*	S. W.
CENTRAL.....	70	{ S. M. Doak*	S. W.
		{ John P. Morgan* ..	J. W.
WIDOW'S SON.....	72	G. A. Barge.	S. W.
SOLOMON'S.....	74	J. W. Oslin. . .	W. M.
UCHEE.....	77	W. T. Covington* ..	"
CROZIER..	78	John B. Hays* ..	"
BELLEFONTE.	82	W. J. Greene*. . . .	"
FRIENDSHIP	83	E. H. Moren.. ..	"
COTTON VALLEY.. ..	86	Abel Tatom. . .	"
MERIDIAN SUN ..	88	J. A. Wood. . .	"
PRATTVILLE....	89	N. M. Morris* ..	"
PHILODORIAN..	94	Reuben Jones.. ..	"
DANVILLE ..	95	J. M. Simpson.. ..	"
TUCKABATCHEE. . .	96	Wilson Williams. .	"
LOZAHATCHEE.....	97	W. W. Little* .. .	"
FULTON..	98	W. E. Beaird.	"
SALEM	99	D. W. Floyd. . .	"
HARTWELL.....	101	S. C. Williams* ..	"
NEWBERN.	102	J. W. McCann. . . .	"
BENSON	103	S. D. McCary. . . .	"
OAK BOWERY.....	108	R. H. Williams* ..	"
WARRIOR STAND....	115	E. S. Prince.....	"
PERRYVILLE.....	117	William S. Miree.....	"
HAVANA.....	123	R. B. Allen*..	"
FELIX..	124	James Ross.	S. W.
TALLAPOOSA..	126	M. Reeder.....	W. M.
BOLIVAR	127	Thomas T. Cotnam.	W. M.
GENEVA..	129	Maier D. Schloss*..	W. M.
YORKVILLE.	131	{ J. J. W. Payne. . .	W. M.
		{ A. L. Neal*... ..	J. W.
ROANOKE	132	William E. White* ..	W. M.
LOACHAPOKA	133	{ Charles A. Stanton. .	S. W.
		{ John Card.....	J. W.
WILEY....	134	I. M. Johnson.	W. M.
UNITY	136	J. F. Pate*..	"
ROCKFORD. ..	137	{ George E. Brewer* ..	"
		{ Albert Crumpler*	S. W.
BRADFORD..	138	R. A. Mitchell....	W. M.
SMELHY	140	{ J. T. Leeper.....	"
		{ J. C. Blake*.....	S. W.
BETHEL....	141	H. H. Wise..	"
BURLESON ..	143	A. A. Hughes* ..	W. M.
MISSOURI. ..	146	D. A. McCall.	"
MONROEVILLE ..	153	John Deloach.....	"
MAYSVILLE ..	158	Thomas J. Taylor.....	"
PENICK ..	161	T. U. T. McCane.....	"

* Proxies.

LODGES.	NO.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.	GRADE.
BUENA VISTA.	169	J. R. Wood.....	W M.
ELBA	170	J. T. Knight. . .	S. W.
CLOPTON.. . . .	171	J. M. Bridges.	W. M.
FELLOWSHIP	172	R. A. McCord.....	"
ANDREW JACKSON..	173	{ E. M. Hastings.....	"
		{ N. B. Cloud.....	S. W.
EZEL	175	I. B. Clayton.....	"
DAVIE.. . . .	176	J. B. Mason.	"
ORION.. . . .	177	N. H. Holmes*.....	W M.
DESOTOVILLE. . .	178	E. H. Ward*.....	"
BRUNDIDGE . . .	184	J. M. Lawrence... .	"
CATAWLA... .	186	Alemeth B. Penick*.....	"
HAW RIDGE. . . .	188	Isaac N. Preston.....	"
DELTA... . .	189	D. M. K. Campbell.	"
BRUSH CREEK. . .	191	George S. Turner*..	"
HIGH LOG	193	George Stowers. . .	"
WHITE HALL. . .	196	Thomas Hammock. . .	J. W.
HILLABEE. . . .	197	M. G. Slaughter . .	W M.
CALEDONIA . . .	198	W. Wood... .	"
KILLIGEE.....	199	William Winslett. . .	"
HELICON.... .	201	W S. Rye.... .	S. W.
VALLEY	203	Oswell Albright.. . .	W M.
MANNING SPRING.....	204	James L. Waugh.....	J. W.
GAINESTOWN . . .	205	Charles Shaumfield. .	W M.
MOSCOW.. . . .	206	Leroy Kennedy.. . .	"
ALEXANDRIA.. . .	208	S. D. McLelland*..	J. W.
EBENEZER.....	210	S. G. Burke. . . .	W M.
YORK.....	211	Thomas M. Gabbert* .	"
CARROLLTON ...	214	M. L. Stansel* . . .	"
SPRING HILL.. . .	217	Alexander Madison.....	S. W.
PINE GROVE.....	220	N. W. Griffin....	"
TENSAW	221	Reuben McDonald* .	W M.
SANDY RIDGE. . .	223	{ A. B. McWhorter.....	"
		{ S. F. Johnston. . .	J. W.
NEWTON	224	John T. Lee*.....	W M.
LEBANON	229	John Loughridge*..	"
BEXAR	230	C. F. Condrey*.....	"
BELMONT	232	Thomas Armstrong* .	"
SEPULGA	233	James W. Page.	"
HARPERSVILLE. .	235	H. L. W. Singleton.....	S. W.
TALLASSEE.....	237	{ R. T. Ashurst.	W M.
		{ L. F. Holland.. . .	J. W.
COOSA.....	242	{ J. E. Hannon.. . .	W M.
		{ Samuel Spigener.. .	J. W.
DAWSON	244	Toliver Florence. . .	W M.
HARRISON.. . . .	246	J. A. Law*.....	"
AMAND.. . . .	250	{ D. A. White.. . . .	"
		{ R. B. Alexander... .	J. W.

* Proxies.

LODGES.	NO.	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE.	GRADE
NORTHPORT.	252	J. W. Shepherd.....	S. W.
QUITMAN	254	Francis M. Mize.....	W. M.
RANDOLPH	258	B. W. Brown.....	"
TALLADEGA.....	261	John L. Harris*..	"
MOUNT PLEASANT....	266	William H. Norris.....	"
WIND CREEK.....	267	Joseph Lambreth.....	"
BUTLER SPRING..	270	Thomas H. Barge*.....	S. W.
PEA RIVER... ..	271	L. L. Moses..	W. M.
CLIFTON.	272	R. C. Parker.....	"
PAINT ROCK.....	274	R. W. Lilly.....	S. W.
BULLOCK	276	A. H. Justice*.....	"
FLAT CREEK..	279	W. J. O'Bannon.....	W. M.
CHARLES BASKERVILLE..	281	William Owens.....	"
RICHMOND... ..	282	W. P. Brunson.....	"

* Proxies.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain *pro tem.*, the Rev. brother, D. B. Smedley.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master remarked that he was called upon to preside in the absence of the M. W. Grand Master, S. F. Hale, who was with the patriotic army of the Confederate States in Virginia; that he had prepared no formal address; and that he could only assure the brethren present that he should discharge the duties of the Chair to the best of his knowledge and ability.

The reading of the minutes of the last Grand Communication was, on motion, dispensed with, as the printed proceedings were in possession of the members of the Grand Lodge.

A communication was received from the M. W. Grand Master, S. F. Hale, which was read and ordered to be spread upon the minutes. The communication was as follows:

IN CAMP, NEAR CENTERVILLE, VA., }
Nov. 20th, 1861. }

BRETHREN:

The usages of the Fraternity, as well as my duties as Grand Master, require that at your Annual Communications I should be present, and communicate to you all matters of interest which may have occurred within our jurisdiction during the current year, as well as a statement of my own official transactions. I regret that the exigencies of the times, and my public duties, render it impossible that I should do either. Since the 20th of December last, with but a few days interval, I have been constantly engaged in the discharge of public duties—1st, as a Commissioner from the State of Alabama to the State of Kentucky; then a representative in the Legislature of my own State; next a member of the Congress of the Confederate States; and since about the middle of June last, I have been in the military service of the country, in the State of Virginia; and my

duties now render it impossible that I should mingle with you in your deliberations. These considerations, I am sure, will be accepted by the Grand Lodge as a sufficient apology for what would otherwise be an unpardonable dereliction of duty on my part. The election of the incumbent as Grand Master has been so long sanctioned by precedent that for several years past it has been considered almost a matter of course. This precedent, I desire, shall not be followed in my case; but, on the contrary, I request that some other brother may be selected, whose engagements will permit him to devote the necessary time to the discharge of the important duties of the position.

On the termination of my official connection with the Grand Lodge of Alabama, I have no words to express my appreciation of the numerous acts of kindness they have extended to me, and the honors they have conferred. Their remembrance is embalmed in a grateful heart. May God in mercy grant, when the perils and privations of this contest are over—the footprints of the last enemy washed out with his own blood—our rights firmly established on the broad basis of constitutional liberty, and peace shall smile o'er all our fair and sunny land—that then once more I may meet again my brethren of the Grand Lodge within our own peaceful walls! But if this may not be—if our blood must flow to seal our country's liberties, then join with me in the humble prayer that there may be a happy reunion in the Grand Lodge above. Farewell. May the Supreme Grand Master preside over your deliberations.

Fraternally yours,

S. F. HALE.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama.

The Grand Secretary made his Annual Report, and it was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Grand Secretary's Annual Report.

*Office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, }
Montgomery, December 2, 1861. }*

BRETHREN: I have the pleasure of making to you my annual report of the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge, so far as they have passed through my hands during the past masonic year; and also of making some remarks upon the condition of masonry within this jurisdiction at the present time.

The unexpended balance of the Contingent Fund reported as in my hands at the beginning of the last annual Communication, to wit: the sum of seven hundred and sixty-eight dollars and thirty-five cents, has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipt is herewith submitted. (A.)

The "Dues" received at the last annual Communication amounted to three thousand eight hundred and ninety-six dollars, and the same has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipt is herewith submitted. *See account marked B.* For particulars of this amount see *appendix* to proceedings of 1860, pages LXVI to LXXI inclusive.

At the last annual Communication of the Grand Lodge I received for charters, then ordered to be issued, the sum of five hundred and sixty dollars. During the last masonic year I have received the sum of three hundred and eighty-five dollars for eleven Dispensations. Both these amounts have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and his receipt is herewith submitted. (C.)

The fund set apart at the last annual Communication for contingent expenses was twelve hundred dollars. During the last masonic year I have received for back dues from several lodges the sum of eighty dollars.

Of these amounts it has been necessary to expend the sum of one thousand two hundred and fifty-three 96-100 dollars, leaving a balance in my hands of \$26 04. See D.

The office of the Grand Secretary is indebted to the proprietors of the *Montgomery Advertiser* for copies of their daily paper, sent to the

office gratuitously, for the use of the office and the members of the Grand Lodge.

Having thus fully reported as to the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge, so far as the same are connected with the office of the Grand Secretary, I beg leave to say a word about another matter. The subordinate lodges have, from time to time, been supplied with copies of the constitution of the Grand Lodge, and copies have at all times been promptly sent to them whenever written for. The 16th section of the 6th article provides, that every lodge shall elect its officers at the regular meeting immediately preceding the Festival in June, *and make due return thereof to the Grand Secretary*, as soon as the officers elect are installed. This provision of the Grand Lodge is a very important one; for unless the Grand Secretary knows who are the officers of the subordinate lodges, it is impossible for him to hold any communication with them, as he cannot know to whom to address himself. And yet since the elections in June last I have received returns from only one hundred and three lodges, showing that three-fifths, or largely more than one-half of the lodges in this jurisdiction, entirely neglect one of the most necessary provisions of the constitution. The Grand Secretary is perfectly aware that this is not a willful omission of the Masters and Secretaries of the subordinate lodges, but merely an oversight; and he calls attention to it for the purpose of begging that it may be corrected.

Since the breaking out of the war between the Confederate States and the United States, so many of the brethren have joined the patriotic army of the country, in defense of their homes and their hearths, of their wives and their little ones, and of everything they hold most dear and most sacred, that several of the lodges have been almost broken up. Of some nearly all the officers have gone, and many of the private members. Under these circumstances, the Grand Secretary has been applied to for advice as to what they should do. To all I have replied to the best of my ability and knowledge, and encouraged them to continue their lodge meetings so long as they could get enough members together to open a lodge; but it can not be doubted, that if the war continues twelve months longer, so many of the members will be taken away that not a few of the lodges will have to be closed until the return of peace; and the Grand Secretary would respectfully suggest that in such cases provision might be made for the temporary closing of those lodges placed in that condition, without a forfeiture of their charters. What that provision shall be it will be for the Grand Lodge, in its wisdom, to determine.

No higher eulogium could be bestowed upon the masonic fraternity than the mere announcement of the names of those who, from the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the East to the humble brother who stands "without at the door," have replied to the call of the country, and leaving all the endearments of home, and the *otium cum dignitate* with which they were surrounded, have rushed forth to swell out the ranks of the patriotic army, and drive back the vandal hordes who have invaded our soil; bringing with them the torch of the incendiary, and the knife of the murderer, but very little of the courage with which the incendiary and the murderer are sometimes possessed. For one to be a member of such a fraternity must be the highest praise.

Not long since it was suggested to the Grand Secretary by the R. W. brother, the Grand Junior Warden, that he procure from the subordinate lodges the names of all those brethren who have fallen in defense of their country, in order that the Grand Lodge might take such notice of them as, in its wisdom, it might deem most appropriate. The suggestion is an admirable one, and worthy of the gravest consideration; but, upon reflection, the Grand Secretary thought it better to wait until the war was over, in order that the Grand Lodge might deal with the memories of all the illustrious dead in the same way, and at the same time. But the Grand Secretary will cheerfully obey, and endeavor to carry out, any order that the Grand Lodge may make in that behalf.

Of the committees appointed at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge to take charge of charters, jewels, books, funds, furniture, and effects generally, of lodges that had forfeited their charters, but one seems to have acted, brother J. T. Smith, who was appointed for Landmark Lodge, No. 187. The Grand Secretary would suggest that they be continued for another year, unless they are known to have gone to the war, in which cases others might be appointed in their stead.

In accordance with an order of the Grand Lodge at its last annual Communication, I caused to be published an edition of two thousand copies of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, together with the old charges, the old regulations, etc., and a digest of the resolutions, edicts, and authoritative reports, adopted from time to time by the Grand Lodge. This digest was a work of considerable labor, and much anxious thought, but I have performed it to the best of my ability. I have distributed it under appropriate heads, with appropriate head-titles, and so arranged it as that any particular resolution or edict that may be sought for can easily be referred to, and I trust

the work will meet with the approbation of the Grand Lodge. The copies are ready for distribution.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary.

Montgomery, December 2, 1861.

A

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, in account with the Grand Lodge.

1860.

DR.

Dec. 3. To balance of Contingent Fund in the hands of the Grand Secretary, as shown by printed report in proceedings of 1860, marked E, page 21.... .. \$768 35

1861.

CR.

April 3. By am't paid G. Treasurer, as per receipts herewith \$768 35
Montgomery, December 2, 1861.

B

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, in account with the Grand Lodge.

1860.

DR.

Dec. 3. To amount of Dues received at this Communication, as shown by report in printed proceedings, in Appendix, on pages 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70 and 71. \$3,896 00

1861.

CR.

April 3. By am't paid G. Treasurer, as per receipt herewith. \$3,896 00
Montgomery, Dec. 2, 1861.

C

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, in
account with the Grand Lodge.

DR.

1860.

Dec. To cash received for Charters, viz:

No. 265.	..Meridian.....	..\$35 00
.. 266.	..Mt. Pleasant.....	35 00
.. 267	..Wind Creek.....	35 00
.. 268.....	Auburn.....	35 00
270. ..	Butler Springs.	35 00
271.	Pca River	35 00
.. 272..	..Clifton. .	35 00
.. 274..	..Paint Rock.....	35 00
275...	..Frankfort.....	35 00
276.	..Bullock.....	35 00
277.....	Larkinsville....	35 00
279. ..	..Flat Creek..	35 00
280.	Springville.	35 00
281.....	Chas. Baskerville.....	35 00
282.....	Richmond..	35 00
157.....	Somerville ..	35 00—\$560 00

To cash received for Dispensations, viz:

No. 283.....	Daviston.....	\$35 00
284.....	Chapel Hill.....	35 00
285. ..	Georgiana.....	35 00
.. 286...	..Walker.....	35 00
287	..Clinton .	35 00
.. 288.....	Hickory Flat.....	35 00
289.....	Wesobulga.....	35 00
290.....	Gillespy.....	36 00
291	..Fort Deposit.....	35 00
292.....	Confederate.....	35 00
293.....	Ala. Volunteer.....	35 00—\$385 00
		<hr/> \$945 00

1861.

CR.

Nov. By cash paid G. Treasurer, as per receipt herewith. \$945 00

Montgomery, Dec. 2, 1861.

D

DANIEL SAYRE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, in
account with the Grand Lodge.

1860.

DR.

Dec.	To amount of Contingent Fund.....	\$1200 00
	To back Dues received from :	
	Limestone Lodge, No. 18.....	\$20 50
	Geneva Lodge, No. 129.....	10 00
	Sepulga Lodge, No. 233.....	28 50
	Shelby Lodge, No. 140.....	21 00—\$80 00—\$1280 00

1861.

CR.

By bill No. 1, for printing annual proceed's	\$486 00
“ “ “ 2, for printing 2000 copies of the constitution.....	288 00
“ “ “ 3, office rent.....	100 00
“ “ “ 4, gas.....	12 90
“ “ “ 5, printing instructions, notices, advertising, etc.....	15 00
“ “ “ 6, express.....	75
“ “ “ 7, postoffice bills.	99 06
“ “ “ 8, White, Pfister & Co., for books, blanks, etc.....	173 30
“ “ “ 9, B. B. Davis.....	34 25
“ “ “ 10, Thiess & Pollard.....	2 00
“ “ “ 11, coal, wood, etc.....	34 20
“ “ “ 12, money refunded, as per general order of Grand Lodge.....	8 50—\$1253 96

Balance in hands of Grand Secretary.... \$26 04
Montgomery, Dec. 2, 1861.

The Grand Treasurer made his Annual Report, and it
was received and referred to the Committee on Finance;

Grand Treasurer's Annual Report.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Dec. 2, 1861.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama :

I would respectfully report that the condition of the Trust Fund of the Grand Lodge remains unchanged since my report at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, with the exception that John T. Morgan paid the sum of five hundred dollars on 6th Dec., 1860, under a resolution of the Grand Lodge in December 1860, (see page 62, printed proceedings,) and was released in full as co-maker of the notes specified in my account with the Grand Lodge, herewith submitted. The amount now due the Grand Lodge on Trust Fund account, exclusive of interest, is \$7303 12.

The other parties embraced in Trust Fund account have not availed themselves of the liberal proposals made to them in a report made and resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication. Respectfully and fraternally,

THOMAS WELSH, Grand Treasurer
Grand Lodge of Alabama.

THOMAS WELSH, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge
of Alabama, from December 3, 1860, to December 2, 1861.

1860.

DR.

Dec. 3. To balance cash on hand..... \$611 89

“ Cash received of John T. Morgan, for
release of him in full as co-maker of
note dated January 26, 1852, due first
Monday in Dec., 1852, for \$741 61;
also, as co-maker of note with S. H.
Dixon, John M. Moore, A. J. Wethers
and others, dated 6th March, 1851,
due twelve months after date, for
\$2215 00..... 500 00

1861.

April 3. “ Cash rec'd of Dan'l Sayre, G. Secretary 768 35

“ Cash rec'd of do do 3896 00

Nov. 27 “ Cash rec'd of do do 945 00—\$6721 24

1860.

CR.

				Voucher	
Dec. 7.	By paid order favor J. McCaleb Wiley.....	No. 1		\$42 60	
	“ “ do “ M. K. Clopton...	“ 2		30 00	
	“ “ do “ W. C. Penick.....	“ 3		27 00	
	“ “ do “ G. D. Norris.....	“ 4		80 00	
	“ “ do “ E. H. Cook.....	“ 5		37 00	
	“ “ do “ F. W. Sykes.....	“ 6		100 00	
Dec. 8.	“ “ do “ Thos. McDougall, G. T.	“ 7		20 00	
	“ “ do “ M. Strenna, G. S.....	“ 8		382 03	
1861.					
April 3.	“ “ do “ Daniel Sayre, G. Secr'y,				
	appropriation for Contingent Fund.	“ 9		1200 00	
	“ “ do “ Daniel Sayre, G. Secr'y,				
	appropriation for his services, 1860...	“ 10		800 00	
	“ “ My salary as Gr. Treas. for 1861.			150 00	
Dec. 2.	Balance in my hands at date.....			3852 61	
				<hr/>	
				\$6721 24	

Which, with the vouchers, is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS WELSH, Grand Treasurer.

Brother George D. Norris presented his commission as representative from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to the Grand Lodge of Alabama, and it was ordered to be filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

Brother L. B. Thornton made a report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and the report was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes. *See Appendix.*

The Committee on Work, through its chairman, Bro. M. K. Clopton, made a report on the first and second degrees, and the report was received and concurred in.

The report on the third degree was made the special order for to-morrow morning, at 9½ o'clock.

The election of Grand Officers for the ensuing masonic year was made the special order for to-morrow evening, at 7½ o'clock.

On motion of brother M. K. Clopton James L. Price was authorized to act as the proxy of the W. Master of Union Lodge No. 50.

And then the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

In Grand Lodge.

TUESDAY MORNING, Dec. 3, 1861.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock. The R. W. D. Grand Master, William H. Norris, as Grand Master; the other Grand Officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

The R. W. D. Grand Master announced the following

Standing Committees:

CHARTERED LODGES.

No. 1.—Peleg Brown, William E. White, W. P. Brashears, J. N. Arrington, Isaac M. Eord.

No. 2.—Wilson Williams, Daniel Couch, E. F. Harrell, Richard Faxon, Henry Traun.

No. 3.—John Gamble, W. H. Sadler, D. M. K. Campbell, J. H. Hargrove, A. D. Hall.

No. 4.—A. H. Whetstone, Lewis H. Sadler, Thomas Cargile, J. B. Smaw, W. L. Sims.

No. 5.—Sam Thompson, A. B. Starke, M. M. Lassiter, Albert Crumpler, William Winslett.

No. 6.—John Deloach, Charles Chaumfield, R. T. Ashurst, R. W. Lilly, Richard C. Parker.

ON DISPENSATIONS.

No. 1.—James B. Harrison, J. A. Law, D. A. White, John L. Harris, John T. Lee.

No. 2.—Thomas J. Taylor, R. B. Allen, Charles A. Stanton, D. W. Floyd, S. C. Williams.

ON FINANCE.

W. P. Brunson, W. S. Rye, George S. Turner, Toliver Florence, T. U. T. McCane.

ON BY-LAWS.

John A. Russell, Thomas M. Gabbert, J. B. Mason, N. W. Griffin, Thomas Armstrong.

ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

John A. Lodor, J. J. W. Payne, A. H. Justice, J. W. Shepherd, W. J. O'Bannon.

PROPOSITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

W. E. Beaird, C. F. Condrey, H. L. W. Singleton, A. J. Goodwin, J. M. Martin.

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

N. B. Cloud, Alexander Madison, John Loughridge, L. L. Moses, J. E. Hannon.

On motion of the Grand Junior Warden, brother R. J. Dudley, charters, free of charge, were granted to Acacia Lodge, No. 73, and to White Hall Lodge, No. 196, whose charters had been lost by fire.

The following resolution, offered by the Grand Junior Warden, brother R. J. Dudley, was referred to a special committee, consisting of brothers N. B. Cloud, R. J. Dudley, and A. J. Martin.

Resolved, That the sum of — dollars is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury of the Grand Lodge not otherwise appropriated, to be placed in the hands of the Governor of the State, for the purpose of erecting or procuring a suitable hospital or hospitals for the accommodation of the gallant and patriotic volunteers who have gone forward to defend our homes and families.

The following resolution, offered by brother William C. Penick, was adopted:

Resolved, That the matters contained in the appeal of Bro. Joshua H. Danforth from the decision of the W. M. of Harmony Lodge, No. 46; and the appeal of brother H. P. Pratt from the decision of the W. M. of said lodge; be referred to a special committee consisting of brothers John A. Lodor, Peleg Brown, D. A. McCall, R. F. Knott and L. B. Thornton.

The Committee on Work, through its chairman, Bro. M. K. Clopton, made report on the third degree, and the report was received and concurred in.

On motion of the Grand Junior Warden, brother R. J. Dudley, all papers and documents were ordered to be handed to the proper committees.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ o'clock.

In Grand Lodge.

TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 3, 1861.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ o'clock. The R. W. D. Grand Master, William H. Norris, as Grand Master; the other Grand Officers at their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Grand Orator, brother John A. Lodor, delivered a chaste, classical, appropriate, and truly masonic address, which was listened to by the brethren with great attention and edification. The address was ordered to be published with the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and also 3000 copies separately.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing masonic year, and the following was the result:

WILLIAM H. NORRIS.	. Mount Pleasant.....	Grand Master.
JAMES L. PRICE.....	Uniontown.....	D. G. Master.
L. B. THORNTON.....	Tusculumbia.	S. G. Warden.
R. J. DUDLEY.....	Benton.....	J. G. Warden.
THOMAS WELSH.	. Montgomery.....	G. Treasurer.
DANIEL SAYRE.....	“	G. Secretary.
THOMAS McDOUGAL...	“	G. Tiler.

And the Grand Master subsequently announced the following appointments:

Rev. D. B. SMEDLEY.....	Troy	Grand Chaplain.
Rev. GEO. F. CUSHMAN, DD	Cahaba.....	Grand Orator.
E. M. HASTINGS.....	Montgomery	Grand Marshal.
T. U. T. McCANE.....	Central Institute.....	S. G. Deacon.

THOMAS J. TAYLOR.Maysville.....J. G Deacon.
 MATTHEW STRENNNA, }MontgomeryG. Stewards.
 JOHN F. SMITH, }

On motion of brother George D. Norris, it was ordered that the Grand Secretary be paid the sum of one thousand dollars for his services during the past masonic year.

On motion of the Junior Grand Warden, brother R. J. Dudley, it was ordered that the sum of one thousand dollars be set apart in the hands of the Grand Secretary as a contingent fund for the ensuing masonic year.

Brother N B. Cloud made the following report from the special committee to whom had been referred the resolution offered by the J G. Warden, brother R. J. Dudley, appropriating money for the sick and wounded volunteers from the State of Alabama, in the service of the Confederate States. The report was concurred in, and the resolution unanimously adopted by a vote of lodges :

REPORT FROM A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Most Worshipful Grand Master :

The committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, in reference to the appropriation by this Grand Lodge for the purpose of erecting or procuring a hospital or hospitals for the accommodation of the Alabama Volunteers, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed the undersigned chairman to make the following report :

Your committee, after due deliberation, deem it to be the imperative duty of the Grand Lodge of Alabama to extend all the aid in its power to the relief of the gallant and patriotic volunteers who have obeyed the call of their country, and are now exposed on the tented field alike to the diseases incident to camp life as to the casualties of war, by the appropriation of twenty-five hundred dollars, which sum shall be placed in the hands of the Governor of Alabama, to be applied by him in such sums and at such localities as the necessities of our sick and wounded soldiers may need. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inform the Governor of this appropriation, and that the Grand Master be required to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for said appropriation of twenty-

five hundred dollars, to be placed in the hands of the Governor for the objects contemplated in the above resolution. All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

N. B. CLOUD, Chairman of Committee.

Under the above resolution the R. W. D. Grand Master appointed the following committee: Brothers Daniel Sayre, E. M. Hastings, and N. B. Cloud.

Brother Ben B. Little offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That as a slight token of the high regard in which the M. W. Grand Master, Stephen F. Hale, is held by this Grand Lodge, the sum of — dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of procuring a jewel, to be presented to him, and that a committee of three be appointed to procure the jewel, have it suitably inscribed, and presented to him, in the name of the Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama.

Under the above resolution, the following were appointed the committee: Brothers Daniel Sayre, E. M. Hastings and Thomas Welsh.

Brother E. M. Hastings offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the several subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction be required to report in their next annual returns to the Grand Lodge the names of all their members who have volunteered in the army of the Confederate States.

Brother Isaac N. Preston made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in, and the resolution adopted:

REPORT FROM A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama:

Your committee, who was appointed at your last Grand Communication, to take charge of charter, books, jewels, etc., of Geneva Lodge, No. 129, under forfeiture of charter for want of non-representation, and non-payment of dues for two years, begs leave to make the following report:

Soon after the adjournment of your last Grand Communication, your committee had an interview with one of the members of said lodge, and informed him of the condition of his lodge, and that your committee would at an early day visit said lodge, for the purpose speci-

fied. But in consequence of severe family afflictions, it was impossible for your committee to do so until very recently. On my visit to the lodge, I was informed by its official members that some time in May last they sent up the dues to the Grand Secretary, and he sent them back a list of rejected and expelled members of subordinate lodges, and in view of that fact they proceeded as usual to the election of their officers for the present year, and gave notice to the Grand Secretary, who furnished said lodge with blanks for their annual return to this Grand Communication; and your committee was also informed that said lodge would be represented at this Grand Communication. Your committee was also informed that said lodge had been working this year under its former charter. Your committee also learned that it was the intention, and as the lodge thought, all necessary arrangements had been made for their representation to your last Grand Communication, but, owing to unavoidable circumstances, their representative failed to reach here; and your committee, in view of the circumstances, did not deprive them of their charter, books, jewels, etc., but would beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved. That Geneva Lodge, No. 129, having paid up all back dues, the same is hereby reinstated, and the work done by it during the past year legalized.

On motion of the J. G. Warden, bròther R. J. Dudley, the installation of the Grand Officers for the ensuing masonic year was made the special order for to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

In Grand Lodge.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Dec. 4, 1861.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 o'clock. The R. W. D. Grand Master, William H. Norris, as Grand Master; the other Grand Officers in their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

A diploma was voted to brother A. H. Whetstone.

A petition was presented from Georgiana Lodge, No. 285, to continue their Dispensation until the next Communication of the Grand Lodge, and to substitute other officers in place of those now in the Dispensation. The prayer of the petition was granted.

Brother Thomas J. Taylor, from the Committee on Dispensations, No. 2, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS, NO. 2.

Your Committee, No. 2, on Dispensations, have carefully examined the returns of lodges assigned them, and report the following correct:

Georgiana.....	285
Clinton.....	287
Fort Deposit.....	291

CONFEDERATE, No. 292.—Returns correct. This lodge meets twice a week. We think this is working rather too fast.

NORTHERN, No. 278.—Fellow crafts under wrong head. Returns otherwise correct. A visiting brother returned suspended.

HICKORY FLAT, No. 288.—Rejection under wrong head. Otherwise correct.

WALKER, No. 286.—Master's name in wrong place. Otherwise correct.

GILLESPIE, No. 290.—Returns not signed by the Master. Otherwise correct.

WESOBULGA, No. 289.—Ten members are reported passed and raised within the constitutional period. Twenty-one of its twenty-eight members are in the Confederate army. We think the remaining seven should not be censured for violation of the constitution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS J. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Brother Peleg Brown, from the Committee on Chartered Lodges, No. 1, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES, NO. 1.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama :

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges, No. 1, beg leave to report that they have examined the returns submitted to them, and find

Alabama Lodge.	No. 3	Wetumpka	No. 39
Halo.	No. 5	Mobile	No. 40
Farrar.	No. 8	Livingston	No. 41
Gilead.	No. 9	Leighton.	No. 43
Royal White Hart.	No. 10	Gaston.	No. 44
Montgomery	No. 11	Harmony.	No. 46
Limestone.	No. 18	Vienna.	No. 48
Athens.	No. 16	Jackson.	No. 45
Lafayette.	No. 26	Demopolis.	No. 49
Selma Fraternal.	No. 27	Union.	No. 50
Autauga.	No. 31	New Market.	No. 52
Perry	No. 34	Jefferson	No. 51
Washington	No. 36		

correct.

LOWNDES, 33.—E. A. under wrong head; otherwise correct.

AMITY, 54.—No seal; in the absence of the Secretary and Worshipful Master, the seal having been misplaced; the returns not signed, otherwise correct, and neatly made out.

HELION, No. 1.—Regular Communications held on first Tuesday in each month; have passed and raised a candidate in violation of article 6, section 9, of constitution of Grand Lodge.

COURTLAND, No. 37.—Accompanying the returns of this Lodge we find a communication addressed to the Grand Secretary, giving reasons for initiating, passing, and raising candidates in violation of article 6, section 9, of the constitution of the Grand Lodge. Your committee regret to feel it their duty to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to such infringements of the constitution. The constitution is clear and explicit on this subject, and your committee have great doubt, under

its provisions, of the right of granting Dispensations, or permitting lodges to make masons on sight. If our portals are so easy of access we fear our lodges will soon be filled with material not fit for use. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a strict adherence to the constitution is our only safe guide, and that the subordinate lodges be required to conform strictly to the same.

All of which is repeatfully and fraternally submitted,

PELEG BROWN, Chairman.

Brother Wilson Williams, from the Committee on Chartered Lodges, No. 2, made the following report; and the report was received and concurred in, except so much as refers to Benton Lodge, No. 59, which was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES, NO. 2.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama:

The Committee on Chartered Lodges, No. 2, have attended to the duties assigned them, and beg leave to submit the following report:

1. They have examined the returns from the following lodges, and find them correct:

Troy	No. 56	Howard.....	No. 69
Tuskegee.....	" 57	Uchee. . . .	" 77
Tompkinsville.....	" 61	Tuckabatchee.....	" 96
Eureka	" 64	Salem	" 99
Liberty	" 65	Triana. . . .	" 92
Hampden Sidney.....	" 67	Danville	" 95
Holsey	" 68	Fulton. . . .	" 98

2. Your committee report the following lodges incorrect, to-wit:

BENTON, No. 59.—This lodge has failed to pay dues for two members, and is therefore short in dues \$1 00. They give as a reason, that those two members are alien enemies, and beyond the limits of the Confederate States; but your committee suggest that dues should be paid for all members until they are dead, suspended, or expelled.

CENTRAL, No. 70.—Officers improperly arranged; postoffice not given; initiated, passed, and raised seventeen candidates between the 12th and 15th of June last; also initiated, passed, and raised one on the 2d September, which is prohibited by the constitution, article 6, section 9.

WIDOWS SUN, No. 72.—Dues not footed up; no dues extended opposite three members' names, and no reason given; therefore short in dues \$1 50. Names of dimitted members placed in column with the regular members.

WILCOX, No. 80.—Dimitted members numbered with the regular members; dues not footed up. Ten candidates initiated, passed, and raised within three days, which is prohibited by the constitution, they meeting once a month. Names of those rejected put in column with the regular members.

BELLEFONT, No. 82.—No grade of officers given; without seal; F. C.s and E. A.s numbered as members; dues not extended, and short in dues 50 cts.

LOZAHOTCHEE, No. 97.—Postoffice not given.

FRIENDSHIP, No. 83.—Returns made out to 5th October, when they should be at least one month later. Deceased put down and numbered with the members.

PRATTVILLE, No. 89.—The returns are not signed by the Worshipful Master.

PHILODORIAN, No. 94.—Caption of the return left in blank; dimitted members numbered with the regular members, and no dates given of dimitting. W. M. puts his signature in the wrong place, and name and number of the lodge not given; dues not extended opposite two members names, and no reason given; therefore short in dues \$1 00.

SOLOMON'S, No. 74.—Seal of the lodge not attached: otherwise correct.

FREDONIA, No. 79.—Grade of officers in the wrong column; date of suspensions not given, and grade of membership not given.

In conclusion, your committee would respectfully recommend the W. M's and Secretaries of subordinate lodges to pay more strict attention to the constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge; by so doing they will avoid many mistakes.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

WILSON WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Brother J. A. Russell, from the Committee on By-Laws, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama.

Your committee to whom was referred the by-laws of several subordinate lodges, beg leave to submit the following report:

They find the by-laws of the following named lodges to be correct, and in accordance with the constitution of the Grand Lodge:

CROZIER, No 78.—Initiated, passed, and raised twelve candidates within five days, which is prohibited by the constitution, (see article

above,) they meeting but once a month. No date or cause of suspension given.

Harmony .. ..	...No. 46	Walker....	.. ..No. 296
Danville.. ....	.....No. 95	Hickory Flat.	.....No. 288
Northern .. ....	.....No. 278	Confederate	.....No. 292
Gillespy.. ....	.....No. 290		

FORT DEPOSIT, No. 291.—Strike out article 2, section 3, in reference to officers vacating their seats, it being in conflict with the constitution; otherwise correct.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

J. A. RUSSELL, Chairman.

Brother John De Loach, from the Committee on Chartered Lodges, No. 6, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES, NO. 6.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama:

The Committee on Chartered Lodges, No. 6, have attended to the duties assigned them, and beg leave to report that

Harrison Lodge.....	No. 246	Meridian.	.. ..No. 265
Lawrence.. ..	.... " 248	Mt. Pleasant.....	.... " 266
Amand. ....	.. " 250	Wind Creek.	.. .. " 267
Northport. ..	.. " 252	Butler Spring .	.. .. " 270
Magnolia ...	..... " 259	Pea River ..	.. .. " 271
Highland. ....	.. " 262	Clifton.. ..	.. .. " 272

are found correct.

FLAT CREEK, No. 279.—Want of lodge seal: otherwise correct.

ERVIN, No. 257.—Grade of officers under the wrong head. The names of dimitted members under the wrong head, and no seal attached to the returns.

TALLADEGA, No. 261.—Date of passing and raising not given; otherwise correct.

PAINT ROCK, No. 274.—No seal attached; otherwise correct.

FRANKFORT, No. 275.—No seal attached to returns; otherwise correct.

BULLOCK, No. 276.—No seal attached; otherwise correct.

LARKINSVILLE, No. 277.—No seal attached; otherwise correct.

RICHMOND, No. 282.—The initiation and passing of two candidates in the same month, and the returns of the lodge show that they have but one communication a month.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DE LOACH, Chairman.

Brother A. H; Whetstone, from Committee on Chartered Lodges, No. 4, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES. No. 4.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama :

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges, No. 4, have examined the returns placed in their hands, and ask leave to report that

Ezel Lodge...	No. 175	Fellowship .....	...No. 172
Somerville.....	" 157	Brush Creek.....	" 191
Penick	" 161	Sumter.. ..	" 166
Andrew Jackson... ..	" 173	Cataula	" 186
Mt. Hilliard	" 180	Eastaboga.. ..	" 155
Etam.	" 150	Missouri	" 146
Moscow	" 206	Elba.	" 170

are found correct.

DAVIE, No. 176.—Masonic grade wrong : Jr. Deacon is put before Sr. Deacon.

ORION, No. 177.—Grade of officers very improperly stated, and remarks under wrong head.

HIGH LOG, No. 193.—No stewards mentioned ; in caption of returns the date is incorrect.

MAYSVILLE, No. 158.—Remarks under wrong head ; otherwise correct.

ABERFOIL, No. 181.—No delegate to the Grand Lodge is named.

BUENA VISTA, No. 169.—Dues not added up.

MONROEVILLE, No. 153.—Masonic grade in the wrong column.

CLOPTON, No. 171.—Grade of officers in the wrong column, and remarks under wrong head.

MT. HOPE, No. 168.—Remarks in wrong column.

CHAMBERS, No. 149.—Grade of officers in wrong column.

In conclusion, your committee would recommend the subordinate lodges to pay strict attention to the form for annual returns, as laid down in the constitution ; by so doing, they cannot make any mistakes.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

A. H. WHETSTONE, Chairman.

Brother Sam. Thompson, from the Committee on Chartered Lodges, No. 5, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES, NO. 5.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama :

The Committee on Chartered Lodges, No. 5, have examined the re-

turns placed in their hands, and beg leave to report the following as being correct:

Ebenezer Lodge.....	No. 210	Bexar Lodge..	No. 230
Helicon.....	" 201	Harpersville..	" 235
Lebanon.....	" 229	Belmont.	" 232
Manning Spring.....	" 204	Pettusville. ..	" 207
Newton.	" 224	Euclid.	" 213
York	" 211	Pine Grove. ..	" 220
Gainestown.....	" 205	Valley	" 203
Spring Hill.	" 217	Sepulga.	" 233

Your committee find the following returns to be incorrect:

HILLABEE, No. 197.—Dues not added up; otherwise correct.

CARROLLTON, No. 214.—Dues not added up; otherwise correct.

SYLACAUGA, No. 200.—Gives grade of Past Master.

DAWSON, No. 244.—Date of passing not given.

TENSAW, No. 221.—Dues not added up.

IS. EY, No. 234.—Date of initiation and passing not given.

JOHN PAYNE, No. 245.—Caption not filled; no masonic year given; dues not added up.

TALLASSEE, No. 237.—Date of initiation and passing not given.

SANDY RIDGE, No. 223.—Date of initiation not given.

WHITE HALL, No. 196.—Dues not added up; no masonic year given;

Your committee would recommend to the secretaries of the subordinate lodges to be more particular in making out their returns.

All of which is most fraternally submitted.

SAM. THOMPSON, Chairman.

Brother John Gamble, from the Committee on Chartered Lodges, No. 3, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON CHARTERED LODGES, NO. 3.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama:

Your Committee on Chartered Lodges, No. 3, having discharged the duties assigned them, would respectfully submit the following report. They have carefully examined the returns submitted to them, and find the following correct:

Shiloh Lodge.	No. 105	Bolivar..	....	" 127
Hermion.	" 106	Geneva.....	.....	" 129
Choctaw.. ..	" 107	Yorkville ...	..	" 131
Forest Hill.....	" 110	Roanoke ..	..	" 132
Sylvan.....	" 112	Wiley....	..	" 134
Perryville ..	" 117	Unity .....	..	" 136
Havana.	" 123	Bradford..	..	" 138
Felix.	" 124	Shelby .....	..	" 140
Tallapoosa ..	" 126	Baldwin. ..	..	" 142

OXFORD, No. 101.—Dates of initiations and passings of F. C., and dates of initiations of E. A. under wrong heads.

NEWBERN, No. 102.—Returns for 1860 very badly made out; incorrect generally. Returns for 1861—masonic grade incorrectly given; dues not added up; seal badly affixed.

BENSON, No. 103.—E. A., F. C., and withdrawals under wrong heads; otherwise correct.

RIDGE GROVE, No. 128.—Has no S. D. or J. D.

LOACHAPOKA, No. 133.—Returns not signed by the W Master; otherwise correct.

UNITY, No. 136.—Deficient in dues 50 cents; otherwise correct.

ROCKFORD, No. 137.—Returns not neatly made out; not signed by the W. Master; otherwise correct.

BURLESON, No. 143.—Masonic grades incorrectly given; no seal.

DALEVILLE, No. 144.—Dates incorrectly given; F. C., deaths, rejections and withdrawals under wrong heads; deficient in dues \$1 50. No postoffice given for delegates.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN GAMBLE, Chairman.

Brother John A. Lodor, from the Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS AND APPEALS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama :

The Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals, have instructed me to make the following report :

FELLOWSHIP LODGE, No. 172 *vs.* C. C. GREGORY.—The defendant in this case represented himself as a single, when he was a married man, and acted in conformity with his representations. His actions as a single man were not improper, but as a husband they were eminently so.

The evidence entirely satisfies your committee that Fellowship Lodge has dealt properly with the accused. The difficulty in this case is, the subordinate lodge has acted, not upon the best evidence the case afforded, but upon secondary evidence. Although your committee are satisfied the case has been properly approved of, they yet protest against this case being regarded as a precedent. An accused brother should be tried on the best evidence the case affords. With this protest on record your committee recommend that the decision of Fellowship Lodge be affirmed.

CHOCTAW LODGE, No. 107.—From the transcript of proceedings of this lodge, submitted to your committee, it appears that at the regular Communication of said lodge, held June 22, 1861, the secretary of said lodge, in pursuance of the constitution in such case made and provided, reported W. R. Ellis, and seventeen others, as delinquent in payment of dues.

Brother W. R. Ellis submitted a motion that the secretary have further time to make his report to the lodge. This motion the W. Master very properly overruled, as conflicting with a special provision of the constitution; whereupon Brother W. R. Ellis appeals to this Grand Body from the decision of the W. Master, upon the plea that notice had not been given him of his delinquency, although it appears from the minutes of the lodge that extra constitutional power was by order of the W. Master granted the secretary to withhold his report from the Grand Secretary for the space of thirty days.

Your committee believe that the ruling of the W. Master was correct, and as brother W. R. Ellis has the removal of his masonic disability in his own hands, we recommend that he restore himself to his forfeited privileges without further action of this Grand Lodge,

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. LODOR, Chairman.

Brother W. P. Brunson, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Dec. 3, 1861.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report them correct:

Cash balance in hands Grand Secretary.....	\$26 04
Cash balance in hands Grand Treasurer.....	3,852 71
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	\$3,878 65
Amount of Trust Fund, as per report of the Grand	
Treasurer, interest not included.....	\$7,303 12
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	\$11,181 77

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. P. BRUNSON, Chairman.

Brother William C. Penick offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge grant to brother Samuel H. Dixon further time to pay his indebtedness under the Trust Fund.

On motion of brother James L. Price, the Committee on Articles of Confederation, and also the Committee on Grand Lodge Hall, were discharged.

Brother Thomas J. Taylor offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That brother John M. Humphrey, Master of Meridian Lodge, No. 265, be notified by the Grand Secretary to file his dimit from Maysville Lodge, No. 158, with the Grand Secretary.

Brother Linton L. Moses offered a resolution that the Universal Masonic Libraries yet in the office of the Grand Secretary be distributed *pro rata* among those lodges that have not received any; and the resolution was adopted.

On motion, Delta Lodge, No. 189, had ninety days allowed to send up returns.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until this evening at 7 o'clock.

In Grand Lodge.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 4, 1861.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 7 o'clock. The R. W. D. Grand Master, William H. Norris, as Grand Master; the other Grand Officers in their several stations.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, Cotton Valley Lodge, No. 86, had permission granted to hold an election for officers, no election having been held at the regular time.

Brother Thomas J. Taylor, from the Committee on Dispensations, No. 2, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in:

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS, NO. 2.

Your Committee, No. 2, on Dispensations, to whom has been referred the minutes of lodges under dispensation, report as follows:

NORTHERN LODGE, No. 278.—We find that this lodge applied for a dispensation, and it was granted on the 18th of June, 1860, but it failed to reach them. The Grand Secretary then forwarded them a certificate, under which they worked until the 5th of November, 1860, when they received a dispensation, under which they have since been working. The minutes of this lodge are correctly kept, and show that the lodge is in a prosperous condition. We recommend that a charter be granted

DAVISTON LODGE, No. 283.—Minutes generally correct, and in due form. We recommend that a charter be granted.

GEORGIANA LODGE, No. 285.—Minutes very neatly kept, and in due form. This lodge wishes its dispensation continued.

WALKER LODGE, No. 286.—Minutes correctly kept, and in due form. We recommend that a charter be granted.

CLINTON LODGE, No. 287.—Minutes very neatly written. They do not show that petitions are received when presented, though we presume they are, as the minutes show they are balloted for. We recommend that a charter be granted.

HICKORY FLAT LODGE, No. 288.—Minutes not neatly kept. Petitions are recorded as being received and ordered to take their regular course. Two members are recorded as receiving the third degree in masonry without specifying whether they took the degree separately or together. We find a petition reported unfavorably and then remanded, but we find no other action taken upon it. We also find an election held for senior warden on the thirty-first of July, but don't know where their authority for said election was obtained. We find the following resolution appended to their minutes:

“*Resolved*, That whereas this lodge sent to the officers of the Grand Lodge the sum of thirty-five dollars for a dispensation, and as that sum is unaccounted for, our representative is requested to bring the matter before the Grand Lodge, and ask them to refund us the money, and if refunded, to procure us a charter; if not, to renew the dispensation.”

Your committee recommend that this lodge be continued under dispensation, and the above resolution be referred to Committee on Petitions and Grievances.

FORT DEPOSIT LODGE, No. 291.—Minutes very neatly kept, and in due form. We recommend that a charter be granted.

CONFEDERATE LODGE, No. 292.—Minutes generally correct. We find two lodges reported as closed without specifying which was closed first. This lodge holds two meetings a week, but do not ballot but once a week; the other meeting is a lodge for instruction. Dispensation requested to be continued.

WESOBULGA LODGE, No. 289.—Minutes not brought up to the Grand Lodge. Recommend that its dispensation be continued.

GILLESPIE LODGE, No. 290.—Minutes neatly kept. The minutes show that the several *degrees* are opened. We recommend the word Lodge as a good substitute.

The bylaws of Daviston Lodge, No. 283, were also examined by this committee. We find these bylaws give power to said lodge to declare all offices vacant when officers are absent for three successive meetings. Also require in cases of emergency that committees of investigation on being appointed shall report instant, and a ballot be had immediately. They also give a brother wishing to affiliate leave to petition verbally, only showing he is not in arrears to a former lodge, nothing

being said about a dimit. We also find they punish unmasonic conduct by fines, suspension or expulsion. We find these bylaws almost invariably violating the constitution, and recommend that the brethren obtain a better model for framing their by-laws, and report them to the Grand Secretary for approval before they are printed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS J. TAYLOR, Chairman.

Brother John A. Lodor, from a select committee to which had been referred several appeals, made the following report, and the report was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence :

REPORT FROM SELECT COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Alabama :

The select committee to whom was referred the appeal of brothers Cunningham and Black from a decision of the W. M. of Harmony Lodge, No. 46, and also the appeal of brother J. H. Danforth from the decision of the same officer of the same lodge, for refusing to allow him an appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge, have had the several matters referred to them under advisement, and have instructed me to make the following report:

In the case of Harmony Lodge, No. 46, *vs.* Cunningham and Black, the appeal of defendants raises the question of the constitutionality of a by-law of Harmony Lodge imposing a tax upon non-affiliated brethren residing within its jurisdiction for each visit after the first, unless specially summoned to attend.

The constitution of the Grand Lodge recognizes in every lodge "an inherent right to make by-laws and regulations for its own government, provided such laws and regulations are conformable to the principles of the fraternity and usages of masons, and the constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge."—Art. 6, sec. 17.

While your committee doubt the propriety of any such by-law, as a matter of expediency merely, they recognize the right of Harmony Lodge to make such by-law if they deem it necessary for their own government and protection, and cannot see that it violates any constitutional provision.

Should non-affiliated brethren, residing within the jurisdiction of a subordinate lodge, visit such lodge, they should surely comply with the rules and regulations which it prescribes for its own members. Non-affiliated masons possess no greater rights, and are entitled to no greater privileges than the members of a lodge. Lodges have the

right to dispense their own hospitalities, and visitors to them, particularly those residing within their own jurisdiction, must conform to the rules and regulations prescribed for the government of their own members.

It is, however, urged that the by-laws of Harmony Lodge are invalid, because they have never been submitted to, and been approved by the Grand Lodge.

Your committee do not believe, in the case of chartered lodges, that it is necessary they should be so submitted. Entertaining these views of this case, your committee recommend that the appeal of brothers Cuuningham and Black be dismissed.

In the case of brother J. H. Danforth, the committee are furnished by him with an able and most elaborate brief, sufficient to sustain a bill in chancery, and presenting many interesting questions of masonic law, well worthy the investigation of the committee on masonic jurisprudence, and enforcing his positions with a host of authorities, which your committee during the present hurried session of the Grand Lodge have not had time to examine. Brother Danforth is a non-affiliated mason; as such he visited Harmony Lodge, and refused to comply with the by-law quoted in the preceding case. The W. M. of Harmony Lodge decided that the by-law of the lodge did apply to and enforced it against brother Danforth, from which decision brother Danforth prayed an appeal, which was not allowed because he was not a member of that lodge, and he appealed directly to the Grand Lodge. He now submits the following propositions:

1. That the by-laws of a subordinate lodge are of no force or effect until submitted to, or approved by, the Grand Lodge;
2. That the by-laws of Harmony Lodge, No. 46, never were submitted to, or approved by, the Grand Lodge of Alabama;
3. That no subordinate lodge has the right of excluding visiting brothers from its meetings, or of taxing them for so visiting;
4. That "Past Grand Wardens," with other past Grand Officers, have the inherent right, whether affiliated or not, of visiting at pleasure any subordinate lodge;
5. That the by-laws of Harmony Lodge are contrary to ancient usages, the written law of masonry, and therefore of no force or effect;
6. That any brother feeling himself aggrieved at the decision of the W. M. of a subordinate Lodge, has the right of appealing to the Grand Lodge for redress.

Without pretending to examine the positions of Brother Danforth regularly, your committee believe there is one view of his case which

is a sufficient answer to all his propositions, and that is, he is a dimitted mason. It is true that masonry is *voluntary* in its character. A brother may be a member of a lodge, or he may not. He is free to elect his own place, and having made his own selection voluntarily, he should not complain at the *status* in which he has placed himself. As a member of a subordinate lodge, a brother entitles himself to all the privileges of masonry. By voluntarily withdrawing himself from membership with a subordinate lodge he surrenders them. The position of the fraternity and the dimitting brother are widely different. To the fraternity the mason is bound until death terminates the connection. To our laws and our tribunals he continues amenable, and we continue to supervise his conduct and punish offenses if any be committed. By dimitting, a brother looses the chain which binds his brethren to him—he surrenders many privileges which as a member he would possess, and voluntarily yields rights to which he might be entitled. Our lodges are supported by their members. They have an inherent right to make rules and regulations by which they will be governed. A non-affiliated brother has nothing to say in such cases, and yet if he sees proper to visit a lodge he is bound by them, so far as they come to his knowledge. He has no right as a visitor to originate proceedings in, or to take an appeal from, the decision of a lodge or its W. M. He has voluntarily placed himself in a position, shackled and fettered, from which he can, however, release himself only by affiliation with a subordinate lodge, and returning to full communion with his masonic brethren and duties.

Entertaining these views, your committee do not see that any wrong was done brother Danforth by the W. M. of Harmony Lodge in refusing to allow him an appeal to the Grand Lodge.

From want of time, it is not only possible, but probable, the committee have erred in these conclusions. If such should be the opinion of the Grand Lodge, it would be well to refer the case to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. If no doubt exists, they recommend that the appeal of brother Danforth be dismissed.

JOHN A. LODOR, Chairman.

At 8 o'clock the Grand Officers for the ensuing masonic year were installed, the M. W., J. McCaleb Wiley, P. G. M., officiating, and they were greeted with the Grand Honors, led by the Grand Marshal.

Brother N. B. Cloud, from the Committee on Doings

of the Grand Officers, made the following report, and the report was received and concurred in :

REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama :

Your Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers beg leave to make the following report :

Your committee would state, in the first place, that having received no documents upon which to base a report, they can only speak of such general subjects appertaining to the doings of the Grand Officers as have appeared most obvious to all the members of this Grand Body. In the regret, therefore, that has been common to us all, at the absence of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Stephen F. Hale, who has been unavoidably detained with his command on the Virginia frontier, in the defense of our independence, peace, homes and families, we have been relieved in great part by the prompt, energetic and faithful performance of the arduous duties of the office of Most Worshipful Grand Master by the incumbent, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Wm. H. Norris, who, with the other Grand Officers elected at the last Annual Communication, and who, having been present at this Annual Communication, have discharged the duties of their respective stations and places with ability and courtesy ; and your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to our Past Grand Master, Stephen F. Hale, now absent in the army of the Confederate States, and to our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wm. H. Norris, for the ability and courteous efficiency with which he has so impartially presided over its deliberations during the present Communication.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and hereby also tendered to the other Grand Officers for the prompt and faithful discharge of their respective duties.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

N. B. CLOUD, Chairman.

On motion, the sum of five dollars and forty cents was ordered to be paid to brother Isaac N. Preston, being the amount of his outlay as committee to take charge of charter, jewels, books, funds, furniture, and effects generally, of Geneva Lodge, No. 129.

The R. W. S. G. Warden, brother R. J. Dudley, offered the following resolutions, and they were adopted :

Resolved, That the W. Masters of the following subordinate lodges —, —, be and they are hereby censured by this Grand Lodge for the violation of article 6, sections 9 and 24 of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama in their respective lodges.

Resolved, That from and after this day, it shall be the duty of the M. W. Grand Master, as soon as informed that a subordinate lodge has violated article 6, sections 9 and 24, of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, forthwith to take the necessary steps to suspend the Master or Warden presiding at the Communication at which it is done.

(The first of the above resolutions, without particularly specifying, is applicable to all those presiding officers, whether Masters or Wardens, who have allowed either of the sections of the constitution referred to, to be violated in their lodge, and especially in initiating, passing, and raising candidates without undergoing the probation provided for in the 9th section.—*Grand Secretary*.)

Brother John A. Lodor offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby directed, to collect the jewels of the Grand Lodge.

The account of the Grand Stewards was reported upon and ordered to be paid.

Brother John A. Lodor offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

Resolved, That the several subordinate lodges be required to furnish this Grand Lodge, at its next Communication, with a list of members who have died in the service of their country, or from wounds received, or diseases contracted in that service, and that they continue to make such report annually, with their returns, during the continuance of the war.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

JOHN A. LODOR.	.. .. .	.. .Cahaba.
LEWIS B. THORNTON..	.. .. .	..Tuscumbia.
WILLIAM C. PENICK.....	.. .. .	..Wetumpka.
J. A. WOOD .....	.. .. .	..Pleasant Hill.
SIDNEY B. PAYNE.....	.. .. .	..Tuskegee.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

DAVID CLOPTON	.. .. .	..Tuskegee.
RICHARD CLARKE.....	.. .. .	..Uniontown.
R. C. TORREY..	.. .. .	..Claiborne.
A. J. MARTIN .....	.. .. .	..Liberty Hill.
GEORGE D. NORRIS.	.. .. .	..New Market.

COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

S. A. M. WOOD.....	.. .. .	..Florence.
DANIEL SAYRE.....	.. .. .	..Montgomery.
E. M. HASTINGS .....	.. .. .	..Montgomery.

COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

PELEG BROWN	.. .. .	..Mobile.
WILSON WILLIAMS.....	.. .. .	..Crawford.
W. E. BEAIRD.....	.. .. .	..Orrville.
W. P. BRUNSON.....Richmond.
L. H. SADLER.....Leighton.

GRAND ORATOR.

Rev GEORGE F. CUSHMAN, DD.....Cahaba.
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COMMITTEES TO TAKE CHARGE OF CHARTERS, JEWELS, BOOKS, FUNDS, FURNITURE, AND EFFECTS GENERALLY, OF LODGES THAT HAVE FORFEITED THEIR CHARTERS.


Of those of Monterey Lodge, No. 174...	.. .. .	..J. W. PURIFOY
Of those of Franklin Lodge, No. 60.....	.. .. .	..R. J. JENNINGS.
Of those of Monroe Lodge, No. 245.....	.. .. .	..JOHN H. ALLEN.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON WORK.

M. K. CLOPTON.	.. .. .	..Greenville
WILLIAM C. PENICK.....	.. .. .	..Wetumpka.
J. McCALEB WILEY.....	.. .. .	..Troy.
E. H. COOK.....	.. .. .	..Camden.
GEORGE D. NORRIS....	.. .. .	..New Market.

After solemn prayer to the Throne of Grace by the R. W. and Reverend Grand Chaplain, Bro. D. B. Smedley, the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

DANIEL SAYRE,
Grand Secretary.

 The proceedings of the Grand Lodge are directed to be read in all the subordinate lodges, for the information of the members.

Directions to Secretaries.

For the convenience and information of the Secretaries of subordinate lodges, many of whom are young and inexperienced, the Grand Secretary publishes the following directions:

1. In making out returns, date from the returns of the preceding year, and make out as late as possible before the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

2. Number every member—1, 2, 3, etc. Set down the officers first, beginning with the Master, and then the other officers according to rank, and then the other members. And under the head of "Masonic Grade" specify what office they fill. After the officers put the initials "M. M." opposite the name of the first of the other members, and inverted commas to all the succeeding ones—thus: " "

3. In the column for "Dues" put "50"—meaning cents—opposite each name, except the names of ministers regularly engaged in the ministry; and instead of "50," put the word "minister" opposite their names, and in the column for "Dues."

4. Under the head of "Fellow Crafts" and "Entered Apprentices," put the names of the Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices, with the dates of their initiation and passing in the proper columns. Except, that no date need be put to the names of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who were initiated or passed previous to the last return.

5. Under the proper heads set down the names of all who are dead, suspended, expelled, reinstated, rejected, and dimitted, with the proper date *under* each name. Dues are to be paid for all who have been reinstated, and their names go, therefore, also, in the general list of members.

6. Put the seal immediately *over*—not *above*—the word "seal," which will be found at the left-hand bottom corner of the returns, above the word "communications."

7 The year commences, of course, from the date of the last return; and as the returns are intended to be an abstract of the business done in the lodge during the current masonic year, dates must be put to all initiations, passings, raisings and affiliations, that took place during the year, and not to those that took place in any preceding year.

8. In all cases of "suspension," state whether it is for non-payment of "Dues" or for unmasonic conduct.

9. Under the proper head—which will be observed in the returns—put the names of the delegates to the Grand Lodge, with the initials W. M., S. W., or J. W., as the case may be. Or if proxies are sent, state for which of the officers they are proxy. Also, put down the name of the post-office of each.

10. Be careful to fill up all the blanks in the footing of the returns.

11. "Dues" are payable at the rate of fifty cents each on all Master Masons who are members of the Lodge. No "Dues" are payable on Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts, nor on any who are dead, suspended, expelled, dimitted, or who are ministers of the gospel, regularly engaged in the ministry.

12. Suspensions for non-payment of "Dues" must take place at the meeting preceding the Anniversary in June, just before the election of officers. See Constitution of the Grand Lodge, Art. VI, Sec. 24.

13. The practice which some secretaries have of making their own forms, instead of using those sent by the Grand Secretary, is one more honored in the breach than in the observance. Secretaries are therefore requested to use those sent to them.

14. Blanks are sent out as soon as the lists of new officers are received, and when they (the blanks) are not received by the first of November, the Grand Secretary will send others as soon as the non-receipt by that time is made known to him.

15. It is very important to preserve the original folding of the returns. Whether or not the sheets of paper are fastened together is of less consequence.

16. Be careful to write every name very plainly and distinctly, as otherwise mistakes are liable to be made by the Grand Secretary in endeavoring to decipher bad and indistinct writing. And all names ought to be written in full—not abbreviated.

17. Immediately after the election send a list of the new officers to the Grand Secretary. And if any change is made in the postoffice of the Lodge, send also the name of the new office.

18. Secretaries frequently date their communications at one place, and mail them at another. In such case, how is the Grand Secretary

to know to what postoffice to address his reply? Communications should be mailed only at the proper postoffice of the Lodge.

19. Secretaries frequently address communications to the Grand Secretary, stating that "our Lodge" has done so and so, without giving either the name or number of the Lodge. In such cases, how is the Grand Secretary to know what Lodge is intended? Secretaries should always put the name and number of their Lodges at the head of their communications.

20. Secretaries of subordinate lodges should read carefully the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and the reports of the proceedings; and especially the reports of Committees on Chartered Lodges; and carefully observe all the headings and blanks in the returns. *And Masters of Lodges should see that the returns are full and correct before they sign them.*

21. The attention of Secretaries is especially called to the 20th Section of Article VI of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and to the duty therein enjoined upon them in regard to rejections, suspensions, expulsions, etc.

APPENDIX.

ADDRESS.

The Speculative Temple.

BY JOHN A. LODOR, OF CAHABA.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, and

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alabama:

Another year has fled. Another wave is spent upon the shore of time. Another link is added to the long chain of years that reach beyond the flood. A year teeming with mighty events, and destined to shape the future of unborn millions, for weal or for woe. A year, whose history when written, will chronicle the convulsion and dismemberment of a great nation—the destruction of one of the fairest temples ever erected to Liberty and dedicated to Freedom—the erection of another, which Phoenix-like, sprung from a portion of its ruins, more just in its proportions, more severe in its beauty, and better adapted to secure the priceless liberties of those it was designed to shelter and protect. The record will tell too, that its perpetuity has been sealed by the holy rite of baptism in patriot and fraternal blood.

It is through such a year we have passed. It is through such events we still are passing; and although as *Freemasons*, and *here*, we will not enter upon any political discussion, yet we cannot, we dare not ignore the startling circumstances by which we are surrounded, or neglect to inquire in what manner, and to what extent, they are calculated to affect our mystic brotherhood. Leaving this high duty, however, to those to whom it properly belongs, we confine ourselves to the less important, but more pleasing task allotted us.

In the very first hour of our masonic career, we were taught the beautiful and salutary lesson, that no man should ever enter upon any great and important undertaking, without first invoking the blessing of the Deity. This lesson commends itself to us as eminently right and proper. It enjoins a duty upon us we all recognize. It is the homage due from the creature to his Creator, and implies the corresponding truth, that He whose blessing is invoked *before* the commencement of any great enterprise, is also entitled to thanks *after* its performance. Recognizing these duties, it becomes particularly appropriate for us to return thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe, for the manifold blessings and comforts we have enjoyed during the year now past and gone. We thank Him that we have been spared, when so many have fallen like autumn leaves around us. We thank Him for the abundance we have enjoyed and shared with others, when so many around us were destitute and in want. We thank Him for the privilege of again assembling together in the capacity of a Grand Lodge, and of communing once more around the altar of our mystic temple. We thank Him that while our political sky has been covered with dark and lurid clouds, our beloved country convulsed and rent in twain, the soil of our native land bathed in fraternal blood, our masonic firmament has been calm, cloudless and serene, its pure atmosphere untainted by any fitful gust of passion, prejudice or fanaticism. We thank Him that while our national temple has crumbled to pieces before our eyes, and its constituent parts resolved into their original elements, our masonic temple still stands supported by Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, with its foundations unshaken, its symmetry perfect, and the sweet incense of gratitude yet ascends from our altar to Him in whom we put our trust.

The age we live in is progressive. The people among whom we dwell are utilitarian. They rush through life with reckless haste, chafing at the tardiness of railroad speed, and craving still greater rapidity for the electric telegraph. They pause but a moment in their career, to apply the practical test, *cui bono*, to everything under the sun, and unhesitatingly reject all that does not promise an immediate and lucrative recompense. Education, business, pleasure, preparation for usefulness and happiness, are all made subservient to the spirit of haste and the spirit of mammon. The slow, methodical and provident habits of our fathers are scoffed at with mockery and jest, while the impetuosity of Jehu commands unqualified approbation.

Such, in a word, is our age and our people, and such in the main,

are their characteristics. There are some, however, who yet find time to step aside from the hurried duties and pleasures of active life, and enter our mystic temple, and learn with profit the lessons inculcated there.

On the wings of imagination they pass back through the long vista of departed years, until they reach that classic, nay, that holy land, immortalized in story and in song, in sacred and profane history. With path illumined by the sacred and historic page, they revel amid scenes of surpassing beauty and thrilling association, in which the gorgeous pictures of the Arabian Nights are equaled, and the brilliant vagaries of the opium eater are excelled. With Moses, from Mount Pisgah, they view the promised land overflowing with milk and honey—in the dim distance they behold the blue waves of Galilee, while upon the mountain tops the cedars of Lebanon rear their lofty summits high in the heavens.

They pause upon the brow of Mount Moriah to contemplate the magnificent temple there erected by King Solomon to the living God, and dedicated to His holy name. Its rare and matchless beauty—its massive and elaborate proportions—its faultless symmetry—its rich and costly material—its finished workmanship, all combine to give it more the appearance of being the handiwork of the Supreme Architect of the Universe than of human hands. Around and around it they wander, now advancing, now receding, they pause to scrutinize its most minute details from foundation to turret stone. Each separate part undergoes the severest criticism, and a fault or blemish is in vain sought for by the critic's eye. Its vaults and its arches—its gates and its porch—its massive brazen pillars, with its chapiters of lily, net and pomegranate work—its flight of winding stairs—its mosaic pavement with its tessellated border—its ground floor, middle chamber and sanctum sanctorum—its altar and its oracle—its cherubim with extended wings—its walls and ceiling of burnished gold—its folding doors with cherubim, palm trees and flowers, carved thereon—its windows, spires and domes—its outer courts, its inclosures and its walls, all pass before the scrutinizing gaze, and still, not an imperfection can be discovered. Separately or together, in parts or as a whole, in material or in workmanship, the investigation only discloses its surpassing beauty—its matchless perfection. Admiration gives place to wonder, and wonder to awe, as the conviction sinks deep in the heart, that *this* is indeed none other than the house of God.

The temple site is notable. High upon a mountain top, it commands an extensive range of vision over the lovely land of Judea,

whose praise has been so often and so well sung by the bards of the Bible. From afar Mount Moriah was seen towering in the heavens, surmounted by the temple glittering in its effulgent splendor, a venerated landmark for the pilgrim Israelites, who periodically repaired from Dan to Beersheba, to celebrate the imposing ceremonies of their religion upon its hallowed summit. Upon its sides were groves of stately palms and fragrant bowers, where bloomed the peerless rose of Sharon, while by Siloam's shady rill blossoms the lily of the valley. Here it was that Abraham erected an altar, and was about to offer his only son, a sacrifice upon it, typical of that other sacrifice afterward made upon it, the sublimest spectacle ever beheld by man, the crucifixion of the Son of God. Here too, it was, that David, the poet King of Israel, lived, died, and was buried. Here it was that Solomon dazzled the world with his wisdom, and left a name to be honored as long as time shall last. Jerusalem and the temple were the special objects of love, we had almost said idolatry of the Jews. The first was their holy city, the latter their house of God. As was the sepulchre to the Christian, the tomb of the prophet to the Moslemite, even so was the temple to the Jew.

The appointments of the temple were in perfect consonance with its magnificence. A multitude of Levites of high and low degree were constantly engaged in its ministrations. The more than regal splendor of the high priest arrayed in his sacerdotal robes, the stately and imposing character of their forms and ceremonies, the inflexible rigor with which they were observed, the beautiful order and harmony with which the services of the temple were conducted, the number, variety and costliness of the holy vessels, the scrupulous care everywhere apparent, the habitual and universal reverence manifested by the Jews, all combine to command our admiration.

Viewing thus this magnificent edifice, remembering the beauty of its site, and the hallowed associations connected with it, we involuntarily pause to run a parallel between the Jews and ourselves; to compare their temple with ours, and thus to estimate the reverence each felt and manifested for the living God. Involuntary as is the act, the effect is most startling. In vain we cast our eyes around in search of a visible temple. In vain we look amid our piles of wood and stone, of marble and granite, for one whose form, or size, or beauty will allow us, with all our partiality, to compare with that on Mount Moriah. So far, then, the evidence of love and devotion is with the Jews, and to them we must award the meed of praise. We attempt, however, to excuse ourselves for our omission, by the plea that we have no site on which to build, no quarries of stone, no for-

ests of timber, no treasures of gold, silver, or precious stones, no hewers of wood or bearers of burdens, no craftsmen, or cunning workmen, with which to perform this arduous labor, no means with which to procure them, and therefore, we can erect no temple to our God, and make no dedication of it to His holy name. This is the natural, and almost involuntary excuse, and yet, like most pretexts set up for omitted or neglected duty, it is wholly insufficient; nay more, it is untrue. We have the site on which to build, higher and holier than Mount Moriah, in a lovelier clime than that of Judea, beneath a softer sky than that of Palestine. We have materials inexhaustible in quantity, and treasures of untold value. We have architects of wondrous skill. We have all the means at our command, and we should use them. We can erect a temple more spacious and magnificent than that of Solomon—one that time cannot affect, that barbarous force shall never destroy, that shall endure forever.

He whose voice we recognize in the whirlwind and the storm, in the gentle breeze that rustles the leaves above us, as well as in the muttering of the ocean wave, and pealing of the distant thunder, He hath said, in the great light that shines upon every altar, GIVE ME THY HEART. It was *there* we were first prepared to be masons, and *there*, in the human heart, with its atmosphere of love, its wealth of passion and feeling, its pure and lofty aspirations, its yearnings after immortality, beneath the sky of a terrestrial Paradise, we can erect a temple to our God, and dedicate it to His holy name.

As freemasonry was originally operative, but is now speculative in its character, even so, the temple we can build is not a visible one, composed of wood or stone, but is a spiritual, a speculative one—one composed of beautiful thoughts and acts, and adorned with still more beautiful virtues. A temple whose foundation is laid in Time, and whose superstructure continues in eternity; its base the purest morality; its elements the happy combination of all the virtues that adorn human nature; its loftiest pinnacle that unfeigned piety, so beautifully represented in Hiram, the widow's son.

Speculative as is freemasonry, and we love it for its speculative character, for its speaking emblems, and significant symbols, which open so wide the doors of thought, we yet hope it is not too speculative. We fondly trust we have not mistaken the boundless wealth of the human heart, or over estimated its capacity for earth or heaven, for time or for eternity. The whole range of science, literature and art, furnishes us no subject of study more interesting, more varied, or more beautiful than the heart, and yet, strange as it may appear,

there is scarcely a subject we study less, or of which we know so little. We hardly pause to consider the wonderful precision and regularity with which its physical functions are performed, and still, sleeping or waking, in youth, manhood and age, it throbs and palpitates in cadence with the march of time, and only ceases to beat when the icy hand of death is laid upon it. We fail to comprehend that it has an empire and a ruler of its own, a ruler who often wields the sceptre with despotic sway, and by fostering the good, and curbing the evil passions, disciplines his realm into beautiful order; regularity and happiness, or who by casting loose the rein, gives unrestrained license to a horde of evil passions, and permits them, like an irruption of Goths and Vandals, to ravage, lay waste and destroy his fair dominions. We fail to realize the power of the passions, whose home is in the heart of man. Unseen, it may be, but still with resistless force, they drive us onward through the years of life. The heart, however, has its elysian fields, its sunny places, its shady groves, as well as its rugged rocks and unfathomable recesses. It has its springs of sweet and bitter water, its fountains of love as well as hatred, its fragrant flowers and luscious fruits, as well as its deadly upas tree; its fruitful fields, as well as its arid desert.

Like an æolian harp, it vibrates and responds to every breath of feeling and of passion. Subservient to a well regulated mind, its thousand strings are attuned to perfect harmony, and responsive to the power of friendship, love and truth, of sympathy, charity and gratitude, its low, sweet notes are heard, lingering like an angel's whisper on the ear, and anon swelling with delicious cadence into an anthem of praise, vibrating in other hearts, and ascending the electric scale of thought, through the realms of space, to the very throne of Omnipotence. When, however, unbridled passion rules the hour, and the fierce blast of the tempest and the storm is spent upon it, it responds only in discordant notes—fitful notes, in which are mingled the harsh voices of anger, envy and hatred; the wail of sorrow, the sharp cry of pain, the howl of agony, and the fearful shriek of despair.

As fire and water are useful servants, but wretched masters, even so are the passions to man. They are the motive power that propel him onward; the engine on the railroad of life. Subdued, their capacity for good is preserved, and their power for evil is divested. Thus regulated, we have at our command the power to press onward and upward to high and noble ends, the power to fulfil the destiny for which we were created.

The human heart may be compared to a rich garden. There we

find in abundance the sweetest fruits, most fragrant flowers, and rarest exotics. With care and labor, we can develop its wealth, and beauty and fragrance; without them, we shall have neither. They may exist, it is true, but their growth will be checked and stunted, their necessary nourishment be absorbed by noxious weeds, which grow rapidly and luxuriantly in its rich soil. These require neither care nor attention. They flourish best by neglect; but as they grow and flourish the sweetness of the fruit and the fragrance of the flower diminish, and finally become extinct. As the permitted growth of such weeds in a garden is injurious, if not fatal to it, even so is the kindred growth in the heart of man. They transform the purity and sweetness of Eden into the barrenness and desolation of the desert.

Again, the human heart may be compared to a huge folio, in which Truth writes the story of our lives, and Memory photographs its every event. From the cradle to the grave, not an incident is omitted; and in its succession of pictures not a shade of false coloring can be found. As we turn over its pages, we pause, fascinated by the sweet images representing our childhood, and our childhood's home; the loved ones then around us, the dear friends of our youth, our pleasures and sports, our hopes and fears, our thoughts and feelings, all are there—there, too, is the future of youth, bright with the gilding of hope, and rich with the decorations of fancy. As we again turn over its pages, how changed the picture! The boy is transformed into the man, with all the man's associations, duties and responsibilities. We see him eagerly engaged in the race of life, pursuing his favorite phantom, wealth, pleasure, fame, or whatever it may be. We note, too, that the pictures have lost that dreamy indistinctness characterizing those of childhood, and acquired clear, bold, and decided lines. The color is deeper, and more solid, the general expression more harsh and unattractive. Still further onward, are pictures of a still more sombre hue. The bright coloring is almost gone; the decorations of fancy, no longer visible; the faces and forms of youthful friends are few and far between; the flowers faded; the leaves sere and yellow. The man, now old, leans heavily upon his staff; and his bent form and silvery locks tell their own story. Many and varied as are the pictures, the subject is still the same, and they form the panorama of human life. Truth has written the narrative impartially, and Memory illustrated it well. Chequered are its scenes as the mosaic pavement, and so changed from first to last we scarce can realize the fact that the venerable patriarchs who move so slowly and feebly before us were once young, happy children.

And yet again, the human heart is like the ocean, deep, boundless and illimitable. Its surface is another

“Glorious mirror, where the Almighty’s form
Glasses itself in tempests.”

Moved by virtue, by high, pure principle, its waves softly undulate, and with a gentle swell ebb and flow upon the beach of time. Beneath that surface are the coral caves, the Peri’s home, where the gems of the sea are gathered together, and around them are the hidden reefs and rocks, like walls for their protection. Calm, placid and beautiful, as is the ocean at times, we yet know there is danger beneath its treacherous bosom—that the maelstrom has drawn many an unwary mariner within its vortex, and engulfed him in its unfathomable abyss—that the whirlwind’s wrath, and the tempest’s fury have marred its beauty, lashed its waves to madness, and gathered its waters into mighty, seething billows, which rolled on with resistless violence, making many a shipwreck upon its reefs and rocks. How sublime the ocean in its placid state! how terrible in its tempestuous wrath!

As is the ocean, so is the human heart. It has its glassy surface, its boundless extent, its hidden treasures, its gentle ebb and flow, and alas! it has its maelstrom, in which thousands of the unwary have been swallowed. Evil passions to it are the whirlwind’s power that lashes its waves to frenzy, and makes shipwreck of temporal and eternal happiness upon its hidden rocks and reefs.

And still again, the human heart is like a mine of untold wealth. Deep within its recesses are vast beds and quarries of stone, strata upon strata, of every texture and quality. Here and there, are veins of glittering ore, surpassing in value the far famed gold of Ophir or of California. Here, too, may be found priceless gems, more brilliant and beautiful than the diamonds, rubies, emeralds and sapphires of any regal diadem. These beds of rock and stone are our ashlar in their native quarries; the ashlar we must bring to light, and make perfect by the tools of the fellow craft, as fitting stones for our speculative temple. Its priceless gems are the Cardinal Virtues; bright planets amid a galaxy of glittering stars; jewels of thought and action, which, if we but polish with the lapidary’s care, are more brilliant and more beautiful, more, far more valuable, than the far famed Kohinoor, and all its kindred gems. It is with these we propose to ornament our speculative temple, and adorn and beautify it, with all that is costly and rare in the spiritual world.

The form, size, and character of our speculative temple, each of us must determine for himself. It may be massive and grand as Doric

art; beautiful as Corinthian taste, or light, airy and elastic as the spider's web. Each of us is his own architect and builder. Each of us must select his own materials; fashion them for use, and use them; must place a keystone in the highest arch; a spire on the loftiest pinnacle; and sooner or later, must look fairly and squarely at the sum total of his own labor, and calculate its true value as our speculative temple, erected to God, and dedicated to His holy name.

No apprentice's zeal or fellow craft's skill is sufficient here. It requires all the master's knowledge and ability. His great trestle board lies open upon our altar, and from its speaking pages he may gather wisdom from on high, to guide him in his glorious undertaking; STRENGTH commensurate with his task, to support him—strength to labor and endure, to persevere unto the end. With these, and the liberal arts and sciences at his command; with industry, skill, and the experience of cunning workmen, surely his speculative temple will rise in all the splendor of artistic BEAUTY, and be “a thing of joy forever.”

The erection of our speculative temple is a matter of vital importance. However faithfully and zealously we may labor; however skillful and expert we may be in the use of our tools and implements, we must not forget that it requires the more consummate wisdom, and greater experience of the master builder. It is not the work of an hour, a day, or a year; it requires time, patience and perseverance, perhaps for years, to build it. The Jewish temple required an army of workmen, who were engaged seven years in its erection. Physiologists tell us, our physical temple is periodically reconstructed in the same length of time. With us, the time necessary to form *a fixed and permanent character*—the character we bear through life, among our fellow men—the character we must bear through the countless ages of eternity—that is the time occupied in the erection of our speculative temple. Indeed and in truth, human character is our temple. We may disguise it as we will; we may evade a scrutiny of it; but *our character as it is*, with its faults and blemishes, its weaknesses and infirmities, its vices and its stains, together with its redeeming traits, its better parts, is our speculative temple. Again we repeat, it is for each of us to look well upon it—to weigh it, and realize its just value.

If the proposition heretofore made be true, that we can erect a temple more spacious and magnificent than that of Solomon; if it be further true, that human character is that temple, then it follows necessarily that it should be pure, spotless, and irreproachable; combining the innocence of childhood and the wisdom of age; that it

should approximate perfection as near as the frailties of human nature will allow. We know that perfection on earth has never been attained; that the wisest as well as the best of men have erred; and yet, with an abiding faith in Him in whom we put our trust—before whose altar we bend the knee; whose name we never mention, but with that reverential awe due from a creature to his Creator; and whose aid we implore in all our laudable undertakings, we should make the effort to attain it. Our speculative temple should ascend in all the glittering splendor of Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love, and shine, not with meteor glare, but bright, steady, planetary light, winning the reverence and love of every beholder by its elegance, its purity, and its worth. Like the exemplar temple on Mount Moriah, it should be preserved as a hallowed shrine, and guarded with the same vigilant care. It should be our pearl of price, set round with walls and inclosures, even as was the Jewish temple, and the impure, the vicious, the guilty and profane, be banished from even its outer courts. A faithful sentinel should be placed at every gate, a watchman on every wall, and the first approach of the cowl and eavesdropper be promptly met and resisted.

With the erection of our temple, but half our duty is performed. It must be dedicated and set apart for its appropriate use. And here how widely we differ in the dedication of *our* temple. No holy day is set apart; no gathering of the multitude; no army assembles with gleaming spears and waving banners; no horsemen and chariots of war; no beating drums, or pealing of artillery; no pomp and ceremony; no sacrifice of oxen and of sheep; no burnt offering; no meat offering; no peace offering; no feasting or revelry solemnizes the occasion; but in silence, it may be in solitude, in deep humility, in all our sinfulness and unworthiness, with penitence and prayer, we humbly dedicate our heart, our spiritual, our speculative temple, to the Great Jehovah, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. It thus becomes a consecrated place, requiring only a high priest to minister at its altar, and perform its solemn ceremonies.

The selection of our high priest is a matter of the gravest importance. We have no tribe of Levi, from which the choice can be made, but we have a greater than the Levite, in Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace, the great I AM, to whom we dedicate our temple; to whom, and whom alone, in his triune character of Prophet, Priest and King, we bend the knee, and render the homage of our heart of hearts. With the Omnipotent for our high priest; with Faith, and Hope, and Charity, together with all the bright virtues that dignify

and ennoble human character, as its lesser ministers, we may rest assured, if we are but true to ourselves, the service of our speculative temple will be no less beautiful than pure ; no less pure than holy

Our speculative temple erected, and at least nominally dedicated to the living God, it may not be an unprofitable lesson to learn at whose altar we in truth are worshipping. "Know thyself," was the injunction of a heathen philosopher, given as the most difficult duty for man to perform ; and yet, it is no less than this we must do, to realize the just value of our temple, and the identity of our altar. We have an aid, however, in Truth, who holding her mirror before us, bids us examine for ourselves. She strips off the flimsy coverings with which we have deluded ourselves ; shows us that our foundation is laid on sand ; indicates the faulty materials ; points out its want of symmetry and beauty ; and exposes the almost utter worthlessness of our speculative temple ; then entering the edifice, she remorselessly presses home upon us the humiliating fact that we have hushed the still small voice of conscience ; displaced the faithful tiler from our temple door, and tolerated impostors at our altars ; impostors who have assumed the sacerdotal robes and place of our great High Priest, and desecrated our speculative temple, by offering sacrifices to Moloch, Mammon and Baal, or it may be, to Venus or Bacchus. Impostors

"Who stole the livery of the court of Heaven,
To serve the Devil in."

If such should be the result of self-investigation ; if our Faith be weak and wavering ; our Hope faint and feeble ; our Charity palsied ; our Brotherly Love cold and formal ; if no Relief be extended to the suffering and distressed ; no word of sympathy poured like balm on wounded hearts ; if Truth be not the principle on which we act ; if Temperance be but a license to commit irregularities and excesses ; if Prudence characterize not our lives and actions ; if we have not Fortitude to bear the adversities incident to human life ; if Justice has been tutored to kick the beam in our favor, and never against us, we may be satisfied the foundation of our speculative temple is not well laid ; our corner stone not well formed, true and trusty ; that our ashlar were unwisely selected and negligently prepared ; our edifice unskillfully erected ; our jewels tarnished and lustreless. Then may we be likened unto the foolish man which built his house upon the sand ; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, and it fell ; and great was the fall of it.

And here, perhaps, it is proper we should advert to an error that

prevails in reference to the object and aim of Freemasonry. By many it is considered as synonymous with Christianity, and then utterly condemned for failing to come up to that high standard of excellence. Christianity, however, is of divine, while Masonry is of human origin. Christianity is a matter pertaining to Eternity as well as Time, while Masonry is a thing of Time only. The moral teachings of both are the same. The one as applicable to Time *and* Eternity; the other as applicable to Time alone. As the hour is merged in the day, and the day in the year, even so is time lost and blended in eternity, although an integral portion of it. Within its appropriate sphere, Masonry is an invaluable adjunct to Christianity. The panoply of Christianity is broad enough to cover every mason on earth; that of Masonry, though a broad one, merely places its votaries in that position, where by advancing a few steps, they pass from the Altar to the Cross. The duties of the one end with the grave; of the other, a preparation here, for the endless cycle beyond it. It was well said "that the best mason makes the best christian, and the best christian makes the best mason."

Masonry is characterized by its universality, and yet the *individuality* of every mason is still preserved. In the church, the lodge, and other kindred bodies, the individual too often acts as though he had no character; as though by membership he had surrendered it, and retained only an undivided interest, a portion of its general character. He acts as though it was not incumbent upon him to maintain and preserve the high purity of character of the body to which he belongs. Every individual *has* a distinct character of his own, and yet it is *an integral* part of the universal character. Every mason should assiduously labor to preserve his own individuality; should give plain, clear and unmistakable marks of his own separate existence; should make his own

"Footprints on the sands of time;"

should *act* as though the universal character was exemplified and illustrated by his own; should *feel* as if all the responsibility rested upon himself alone, and thus, and thus only, will its exalted character be sustained. It is no excuse for one, that another fails to do his duty. It is no excuse, even though all others fail to do so. Sodom was destroyed because ten righteous men were not found in it. There the individual was merged in the general character—character so stained by iniquity as to excite the wrath of the Almighty in a manner so terrible as to be a warning forever.

No man should ever be allowed to enter our fraternity *in search of character*; on the contrary, he should bring character to its support.

It is not mere familiarity with the minutiae of masonic language and ceremonies that forms masonic character. That is but the drapery with which it is clad; the casket in which the jewel is set. That character is *the habit of life*; the same everywhere; at home and abroad; in the lodge, and in the world. It is evidenced by the fountains that gush forth from the heart, pure, sparkling and free; by the fraternal love, that glows like a live coal upon the altar; by the attentive ear, ever open to the cry of distress; by the fraternal hand extended to succor and to save; by the instructive tongue that promptly utters words of wisdom, sympathy and caution. The true mason strives to fulfill his duties to his God, his neighbor and himself, not with, but without ostentation. It is thus our speculative temple should rise, like its beautiful exemplar on Mount Moriah, where

“No hammers fell, no ponderous axes rung;
Like some tall palm, the mystic fabric sprang.”

It is these, and such as these, who bring and give character to a Lodge. It is these, and such as these, who are the perfect ashlar in our temple. It is these, and such as these, who have erected a speculative temple, in all the splendor of spiritual beauty, in their hearts, more spacious and magnificent than that of Solomon, and dedicated it to the living God. A temple that time cannot affect—that barbarous force shall never destroy—that shall endure forever.

High as we have attempted to raise the standard of Freemasonry, we trust it is not too high. We fondly hope there are many who have attained the full stature of Masonic manhood—we trust there are many such within the precincts of this Grand Lodge, many, who with a modesty equal to that of the violet, would blush to have their merit known. If my honored and revered friend and brother, the M. W. Grand Master, * he at whose command, long years ago, we first beheld the rays of masonic light, and at whose feet we sat, even as did the student at the feet of Gamaliel, was absent, we might say much of his merit as a neighbor, a friend, a man, and a mason. We would that we could add, as a christian, but as he is present, it would be indelicate to say anything in his praise, and we have nothing else to say.

Here we might appropriately close, hoping, trusting and believing the foundation of our speculative temple is laid upon the “Rock of Ages”—with its superstructure faultlessly symmetrical, and radiant with beauty—its materials incorruptible, and its ministrations

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marked by simplicity, fervor, and devotion; but we cannot resist the temptation to trace the parallel yet a little further.

Josephus informs us, the destruction of Jerusalem and its celebrated temple was preceded by many events, so remarkable in their character, the narrative seems almost fabulous. He tells us, that at the feast of Pentecost, as the priests were entering the inner courts of the temple, to perform their usual ceremonies, the earth was felt to quake—a mighty noise was heard, and the voices, as of a multitude, saying LET US DEPART HENCE! LET US DEPART HENCE!

He also tells us, that at a time when the city was surrounded by peace and prosperity—when no dark cloud appeared to threaten approaching danger, one Jesus, the son of Ananus, as with a prophetic foreboding, of the awful, impending fate of the holy city, began of a sudden to cry aloud, “A voice from the east, a voice from the west, a voice from the four winds, a voice against Jerusalem and the holy house, a voice against the bridegrooms and the brides, and a voice against this whole people!” By day and night, at the temple, in the city, through its streets and lanes, and upon its walls, he ever uttered his mournful refrain. When taken before the Roman procurator as a disturber of the peace, and scourged until his very bones lay bare, his only answer was, “Woe, woe to Jerusalem!” Dismissed as a madman, absorbed in his own gloomy anticipations, and insensible alike to the kindness of those who cared for, and the cruelty of those who maltreated him, he continued to wander around, ever chanting his melancholy song. At length, when more than seven years had passed since first his warning voice was raised, when peace had departed, and prosperity given place to the horrors of war—when Roman legions environed the city, and the engines of war hurled missiles of destruction against its ramparts, he still stood upon the wall, and uttered for the last time his melancholy prediction, “Woe, woe to the city again, to the people, and to the holy house!” then pausing a moment, he added, as though conscious of his own impending death, “Woe, woe to myself!” Scarcely were the words uttered, when he was killed by a stone from one of the Roman engines. His mission was ended. His allotted task performed. Through long years of derision, mockery and abuse, his warning voice was raised like that of the Grecian Cassandra, only to be disregarded. Like the dying swan, his sweetest note was his last, for when uttered, his troubled spirit was at rest.

Let the skeptic sneer, and the scoffer rail—let them deride the idea, if they will, that

“Coming events cast their shadows before;”

we still prefer to indulge in the pleasing delusion, if indeed it be one, that the voices thus heard by the priests were the voices of the guardian angels of the temple, consulting together ere they plumed themselves for their lofty flight, and abandoned the magnificent temple, so soon to be laid in ashes, and which had been erected in happier days, under brighter auspices, by King Solomon, and dedicated to the living God.

Shall we, my brethren, when our priests retire to the inner courts of our speculative temple, shall we hear the fluttering of angel wings—the murmuring of angel voices, deliberating ere they abandon it forever? Shall we be insensible to the symbols and emblems by which we are ever surrounded? Shall the anointed priest from the altar, and the beloved dead from the grave, utter no note of warning in our ear? Shall we be heedless and indifferent, as were the Jews to the voice of Jesus, the son of Ananus? Forbid it! oh, forbid it, Supreme Grand Master! We know but too well, our physical temple, like its prototype on Mount Moriah, will soon be laid in dust and ashes; but still we would not have our guardian angels depart and leave us to our fate. We would have them ever present, infusing spiritual life, and light, and hope within us, that we may be enabled to discard the dim light of reason, or religion of nature, which teaches us that man dies as the beast, and at his death there is no more of him—as well as that other creed, which inculcates the idea of the resurrection of the soul, but not of the body; and firmly relying on the merits of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, espouse that beautiful faith which teaches the immortality of the body as well as the soul. With such hopes as these, such faith as this, surely our speculative temple, like Elijah of old, may be transplanted from this vale of tears, to the New Jerusalem, that beautiful City of God, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Report on Foreign Correspondence.



Foreign Correspondence submit a brief review of the proceedings of the following Grand Lodges, and other documents:

1. Maryland..... May, 1860.
2. November, 1860.
3. Virginia..... December, 1860.
4. Iowa. June, 1860.
5. Rhode Island. June, 1860
6. Tennessee. October, 1860.
7. Ohio..... October, 1860.
8. District of Columbia, from February to..... December, 1860.
9. New Jersey January, 1861.
10. Massachusetts, from March to..... December, 1860.
11. Arkansas..... November, 1860.
12. North Carolina..... December, 1860.
13. Vermont..... January, 1861.
14. Georgia.. . . . October, 1860.
15. Mississippi..... January, 1861.
16. Illinois..... October, 1860.
17. Pennsylvania..... 1860.
18. Washington Territory..... September, 1860.
19. Michigan. January, 1861.
20. Kansas.... . October, 1860.
21. Minnesota..... October, 1860.
22. Report of Com. For. Cor. Grand Lodge Ky..... October, 1860.
23. Address delivered to "Alpha Home Lodge, No. 72,"
under direction of Grand Lodge of Louisiana, December, 1860.
24. Florida..... January, 1861.
25. Texas. June, 1861.

MARYLAND.

We have before us two large volumes, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and the Grand Steward's Lodge, during the year 1860, being proceedings of semi-annual and annual meetings of the Grand Lodge.

Anthony Kimmel, M. W. G. Master.

Twenty-three subordinate lodges represented.

The Grand Master in his address very appropriately alludes to the "too ready admission of applicants into Freemasonry," and urges close investigation as to the fitness of any applicant.

Appended to the proceedings is a long list of expulsions, suspensions and reinstatements, communicated by the several Grand Lodges. There is a very lengthy and able report of Committee on Correspondence, too long to review in minutiae, by the chairman, J. N. McCilton, reviewing fully proceedings of thirty-two Grand Bodies, among which is a lengthy review of the Grand Lodge of Alabama for 1859.

Brother John S. Berry was elected M. W. G. M.; brother Joseph Robinson R. W. G. Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was held in Richmond, 10th December, 1860.

M. W., Lewis B. Williams, G. M. p. t.

Seventy-four subordinate lodges represented.

The Grand Master made a short address on matters local.

We regret, from the sickness of their chairman, James K. Caskie, the Committee on Correspondence did not make a more extended report. They acknowledge the reception of proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Bodies. The committee allude in feeling and beautiful terms to the disturbed condition of our once happy country, and invoke the spirit of Masonry in the restoration of peace and harmony. Since the report was penned, the storm cloud, charged with dissolution and civil war, has burst upon us, and it only remains in the conflict of arms for Masonry to lend her hallowed influence in mitigating the sorrows of this unholy war.

M. W. John Robin McDaniel, G. M.; R. W. John Dove, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

Grand Lodge of Iowa, at Burlington, June 5th, 1860.

M. W., J. R. Hartsock, G. M.

143 subordinate lodges, 16 U. D. represented.

There is an interesting address from the Grand Master.

The Committee on Correspondence review proceedings of 34 Grand Bodies, among them Alabama, for 1859. We regret not being able, from the present troubled state of affairs, to comment upon any portions of this report.

M. W., Thomas H. Benton, G. M.; R. W., Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

Grand Lodge assembled August 15th, 1859.

M. W., Jervis J. Smith, Grand Master.

Special Communication for Burial, P. G. M., Moses Richardson.

Regular Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge assembled August 29th, 1859.

Quarterly Communication, November 28th, 1859.

Semi-Annual Communication, December 27th, 1859.

Quarterly Communication, February 27th, 1860.

Quarterly Communication, May 28th, 1860.

Annual Communication, June 25th, 1860.

The Committee on Correspondence review proceedings of 39 Grand Bodies, among them Alabama, for 1859. We have not time to comment upon what the committee say in regard to unaffiliation, but will say this much: they agree to the idea, "Once a mason, always a mason;" and yet, if their views are carried out, there is very little responsibility or obligation on the part of the initiate after he becomes a mason, and the good resulting from the union and strength of the lodge organization would be entirely destroyed. We consider only the laborer worthy of his hire. As long as one is a mason, he should work and receive the reward of his service; but when one ceases to act the mason, he is no longer the mason, and should not receive reward.

M. W., William Gray, Newport, G. M.

R. W., Thomas A. Doyle, Providence, Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee met in Nashville in October, 1860.

M. W., John Frizzell, G. M.

215 subordinate lodges represented.

The Grand Master made a short address.

The Committee on Correspondence review proceedings of thirty-five Grand Bodies. The report is lengthy, but full of interest, and instruction. We regret our inability to quote and comment. Alabama for 1859 is fully and carefully reviewed.

OHIO.

Grand Lodge met October 16th, 1860, in Columbus.

Brother Horace M. Stokes, M. W. G. Master.

175 chartered lodges represented.

The address of the M. W. Grand Master is local.

Committee on Correspondence exhibit a short and well written report. The whole proceedings exhibit Masonry in this jurisdiction as progressive and harmonious.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

These proceedings include an interesting special communication for the purpose of making necessary arrangements for participating in the inauguration of the equestrian statue of George Washington, on the 22d of February, 1860, and also the proceedings of the Grand Lodge on that occasion. Brother James Buchanan, President of U. S. officiated and used the same gavel that was used by Washington in laying the corner-stone of the Capitol in 1793.

The Grand Master's address is short, and concludes with sad reflections upon the state of the country.

There is no report from Committee on Correspondence.

NEW JERSEY.

Grand Lodge met in Trenton, in January, 1861.

M. W., Isaac Van Wagoner, Grand Master, whose address is on local topics.

Committee on Correspondence review proceedings of thirty-three Grand Lodges, among them Alabama, for 1859.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Grand Lodge met in Quarterly Communication from March 14th to December 27th, 1860, in Boston. We have in these proceedings an interesting letter from the M. W. Grand Master to the M. W. Grand Master of Virginia, on the gloomy evidences of dissolution that threatened the country at that time. He alludes very feelingly in it to a visit to Virginia, and says, "Fanaticism is the predominant demon that has brought it about."

R. W., William D. Coolidge, Newtonville, G. M.

W., Charles W. Moore, Boston, Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

Grand Lodge met in Little Rock, November, 1860.

M. W., E. H. English, G. M.

106 Lodges represented.

The Grand Master's address is local, but exhibits the prosperity of

Masonry in this jurisdiction. Thirteen new lodges have been created during the year.

Committee on Correspondence review proceedings of twenty-four Grand Lodges, Alabama for 1859, among them.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina met, December 3d, 1860.

M. W., Lewis S. Williams, Grand Master.

98 subordinate lodges represented.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered an interesting address.

Eight new lodges were organized during the year. There are 209 lodges, 5109 members, and 652 not members.

There is an interesting report from Committee on Correspondence reviewing proceedings of thirty-two Grand Lodges, among them Alabama, which is mentioned in complimentary terms.

VERMONT.

The Grand Lodge convened in Burlington, 9th January, 1861.

M. W. Philip C. Tucker, Grand Master.

51 Chartered and 6 lodges U. D. represented.

The Grand Master's address contains thirty-five pages of closely printed matter. We regret the inability to comment, as there are matters in it which we would like to refer to.

Proceedings of 29 Grand Bodies are reviewed by Committee on Correspondence, among them Alabama, for 1859. The report presents a lengthy synopsis of the doings of the Grand Lodges, without discussing questions, or expressing opinions on mooted points.

GEORGIA.

The Grand Lodge of Georgia convened in October, 1860.

M. W. Grand Master, Wm. S. Rockwell, presiding.

224 subordinate lodges represented.

The M. W. Grand Master presented his annual address. He dissents from the practice of initiating by proxy. The address is lengthy, and written with care, from matters discussed.

The report of Grand Treasurer exhibits the finances of the Grand Lodge in a very healthy condition, showing assets amounting to \$19,928 19.

The Committee on Correspondence report the examination of proceedings of thirty-four Grand Lodges, with a very complimentary notice of Alabama.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Grand Lodge of Mississippi met 21st January, 1861.

The Grand Master being absent, R. W. P. G. Master Tappan presided as Grand Master.

125 subordinate lodges represented.

There is no address of Grand Master, nor report from Committee on Correspondence.

ILLINOIS.

The Grand Lodge met in October.

M. W., Ira A. W. Buck, Grand Master.

211 subordinate lodges represented.

The Grand Master in his address reports having issued dispensations for twenty-six new lodges.

Proceedings of thirty Grand Lodges, with other papers and documents reviewed by Committee on Correspondence.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Lodge meetings hereby noticed are quarterly and adjourned communications during the year 1860.

Bro. Henry M. Phillips, R. W. G. Master.

The address of Grand Master and report of Committee on Correspondence are interesting documents, well worthy of perusal, but we cannot make extended report of them.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The Grand Lodge met in September, 1860.

M. W., James Biles, G. M.

6 Chartered and 3 lodges U. D. represented.

The order is represented as in a prosperous condition by the Grand Master.

Committee on Correspondence report upon proceedings of thirty Grand Lodges, among them Alabama. We cordially endorse what the committee say on the subject of American Congress of Masons, and increase of superior masonic bodies, believing them useless, and productive of mischief.

MICHIGAN.

The Grand Lodge met in January, 1861.

M. W. Hon. W. L. Greeley, G. M.

118 subordinate lodges represented.

Proceedings of thirty-three Grand Lodges reported on by Committee on Correspondence, among them Alabama for December, 1859. The whole proceedings indicate the prosperity of the order.

KANSAS.

The Grand Lodge met in October, 1860.

M. W., Richard Rees, Grand Master.

14 Chartered and 7 lodges U. D. represented.

The order is represented as prosperous. We notice the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama are not mentioned in report of Committee on Correspondence. We presume they were not received by the Committee.

MINNESOTA.

The Grand Lodge met October, 1860.

M. W., A. T. C. Pierson, G. M.

20 subordinate lodges represented.

The Grand Master says he has traveled over 1200 miles, and visited every lodge in his jurisdiction. This is well, and no doubt would have a reviving influence, if our Grand Master would visit the different lodges in this jurisdiction.

Committee on Correspondence make a report, in which Alabama is favorably mentioned.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE OF
KENTUCKY.

This report was made at the October session, 1860, by the Chairman, J. M. S. McCorkle. The report is very full and complete, and is exceedingly interesting, and we regret our want of time to comment on it in particular. The proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Lodges are reviewed; among them, Alabama, for 1859, is reviewed, and noticed very favorably.

ADDRESS DELIVERED TO ALPHA HOME LODGE, NO. 72,
LOUISIANA.

This is a highly interesting and able address, by Dr. J. C. Batchelor and published by the lodge. It was delivered upon the occasion of the termination of his labors.

FLORIDA.

The Grand Lodge met in January, 1861.

R. W., F. C. Barrett as M. W. G. M.

M. W., Grand Master D. C. Dawkins, represents the order in prosperous condition.

In the report of the Committee on Correspondence proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Lodges are reviewed, among them Alabama, for 1859. There are returns from thirty-seven subordinate lodges.

TEXAS.

The Grand Lodge of Texas met at Houston, June 10th, 1861.

M. W., John B. McMahan, W. M.

131 subordinate lodges represented.

The proceedings, as well as the address of the M. W. Grand Master, indicate prosperity and advance among our brethren in Texas.

Your committee have thus briefly finished the work assigned them. The state of the country, and consequent absorption of almost every thought and duty to the great political interests involved in the present struggle of our country, has prevented a more minute and extended review of the matters before the committee; we have merely given a short synopsis, without entering upon the discussion of any points or matters that might be of interest to the craft.

In conclusion, we extend to all a cordial masonic greeting, and would say to all, in these times of trials and war, let us as Masons preserve our integrity untarnished and unspotted, remembering to keep continually in view and practice the great tenets of the order.

L. B. THORNTON, Acting Chairman.

NAMES AND NUMBER OF LODGES,

With the number of Members, amount of Dues paid to the Grand Lodge, the present number of E. A. and F. C., and the number of those Raised, Affiliated, Dimitted, and Rejected, since the last return.

No. of Lodges.	NAMES OF LODGES.	Number of Members.	Amount of Dues.	E. A.	F. C.	Raised.	Affiliated.	Dimitted.	Rejected.
1	Helion..	60	\$29 00	10	2	3	1	1	.....
3	Alabama	33	.. . . .	.....	1	..	.....	2	.. . .
5	Halo.	55	26 50	1	1	3	1	3	.. . .
7	Macon..	40	19 50	..	1	2	1	3	.. . .
8	Farrar	42	19 00	1	3	4	1	..	1
9	Gilead.....	36	18 00	3	.....	1	.....	3	2
10	Royal White Hart....	93	45 00	.....	.....	3	2	1	1
11	Montgomery. . .	65	32 50	..	3	1	3	3	1
16	Athens..	48	20 50	.....	2	7	2	6	1
18	Limestone.	22	11 00	3	..	3	.....	.....	.....
22	Saint Albans. . .	26	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	Lafayette....	63	30 00	10	2	1	1	2	1
27	Selma Fraternal.....	66	32 50	1	2	4	4	2	5
31	Autauga.....	21	10 50	.....	..	2	..	1	..
33	Lowndes.....	29	13 00	.....	..	2	1	1	.....
34	Perry	48	22 00	8	..	3	.....	.....	..
36	Washington....	20	10 00	12	6	1	..	..	.....
37	Courtland ...	45	21 50	1	..	6	1	5	..
39	Wetumpka	56	28 00	1	3	6	2	1	.....
40	Mobile.....	137	67 00	20	3	11	5	4	.....
41	Livingston . . .	63	31 00	5	5	4	1	1	.....
43	Leighton.....	26	11 50	.....	..	1	.....	1	1
44	Gaston.....	26	13 00	.....	..	.....	.....	2	.....
45	Jackson.....	44	21 50	4	6	5	..	5	..
46	Harmony	56	27 50	.....	.....	1	5	2	2
47	Warren	24	12 00	4	4	3	..	1	.....
48	Vienna.....	18	9 00	1	1	..	.....	.....	.....
49	Demopolis.	27	13 50	7	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
50	Union	65	22 00	6	6	1	3	.....	.....
51	Jefferson... . .	30	14 00	..	1	5	1	2	..
52	New Market.	26	12 00	2	5	1	1
54	Amity.....	60	30 00	2	3	5	..	3	..
56	Troy	76	37 00	1	8	6	2

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57	Tuskegee.....	66	\$32 50	5	1	2	2	1	2
59	Benton..	46	23 00	1	...	3	...	2	1
61	Tompkinsville... .	40	20 00	1
62	Saint Johns.....	41	19 00	1	.....	1	...	1	.....
64	Eureka.....	64	31 50	.....	.	3	..	...	1
65	Liberty.	25	12 50	1	.....	2	..	.....	.....
67	Hampden Sidney .	32	14 00	1	.....	5	1	1	.....
68	Holsey.....	36	18 00	1	.. .	3	1	2	1
69	Howard..	83	40 00	17	4	5	2	3	3
70	Central.....	66	26 50	1	2	21	4	2	.. .
71	Tehopeka.	48	.....	.....	2	5	.....	2	1
72	Widow's Son.....	27	13 50	..	1	3	.....	6	2
74	Solomon's..	39	18 50	..	.....	4	1	1	.....
76	Auburn.	23	10 50	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
77	Uchee..	42	21 00	.....	1	.....	.....	1	...
78	Crozier....	48	24 00	.....	..	14	.....	1	.....
79	Fredonia..	23	10 00	.....	..	.....	.....	..	..
80	Wilcox... ..	70	..	..	.....	15	1	12	1
82	Bellefonte.....	19	.. .	1	5	1	..	1	..
83	Friendship.. .	69	33 00	3	3	1	..	3	.....
84	Erophotic..	60	.. .	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	...
86	Cotton Valley . . .	25	10 00	.....	..	.....	..	4	..
88	Meridian Sun... .	43	20 50	..	.....	1	2	2	..
89	Prattville.....	34	16 50	1	1	5	..	.....	.....
92	Triana....	32	16 00	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
93	Sawyer .	21	.....	1	.....	.....	1	2	..
94	Philodorian..	24	10 00	2	1	3	.....	2	.....
95	Danville.....	42	20 00	1	2	3	..	2	1
96	Tuckabatchee... .	46	21 50	.....	.....	4	4	..	1
97	Lozahatchee.....	67	32 50	..	.....	12	...	2	..
98	Fulton ..	30	14 50	2	..	4	....	..	..
99	Salem.....	27	12 50	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
101	Hartwell ...	35	15 50	1	2	..	..	..	..
102	Newbern.. .	18	17 50	3	3	1	2	.....	.....
103	Benson... .	28	10 50	2	1	3	1	7	2
104	Good Samaritan...	21	....	1	.....	.....	1	..	.....
105	Shiloh	20	8 50	1	1	..	..	2	..
106	Hermion	43	23 00	..	1	..	1	2	2
107	Choctaw	21	10 50
108	Oak Bowery....	12	6 00	1
110	Forest Hill..	36	17 50	1	..
111	Sylvan..	47	23 00	1	6	..	6	1

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112	Dean..	46	\$21 50	1	1	1	4
115	Warrior Stand. . . .	29	14 00	3	1	1
117	Perryville	59	28 50	1	1	1
118	Russell	17	8 50	..	.....	1	1	.....	.....
122	Coffeetown.....	29	14 50	.....	.....	..	..	1	.....
123	Havana... ..	10	4 50	.....	1	..	..	2	..
124	Felix.....	47	22 50	.....	1	7	3	2	1
125	Herndon.....	32	15 50	1	.....	4	1	..	.....
126	Tallapoosa.....	20	9 00	.....	.....	2	2	3	.....
127	Bolivar.....	74	35 50	..	1	1	..	1	.....
128	Ridge Grove.....	13	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1
129	Geneva.....	21	17 00	.....	1	1	2	.....	3
131	Yorkville	26	12 50	1	1	1	.....	1	.....
132	Roanoke.....	40	19 00	1	..	..	..	15	.....
133	Loachapoka	34	16 50	1	1	.....	..	4	.....
134	Wiley	62	31 00	1	..	2	.....	1	.....
136	Unity.	39	19 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....
137	Rockford... ..	47	22 00	1	2	3	3	3	1
138	Bradford... ..	37	18 50	..	1	2	..	8	..
139	Chilton.....	39	19 00	5	3	1	1	1	..
140	Shelby..	40	19 50	..	..	1	2	4	.....
141	Bethel... ..	35	26 00	..	1	3	1	..	.....
142	Baldwin.. ..	15	7 50	2	1	2	1	.....	..
143	Burleston	23	11 00	3	2	3	1	6	.....
144	Daleville.....	24	8 00	..	1	5	.....	1	2
146	Missouri.....	51	24 00	..	.....	1	2	1	..
149	Chambers.	40	17 50	2	1	5	..	6	..
150	Etam.....	40	19 50	.....	3	5	1	.....	2
152	Mount Jefferson....	26	12 50	.....	.....	..	1	1	1
153	Monroeville.....	50	24 00	..	1	5	.....	2	1
155	Eastaboga....	46	20 00	..	1	.....	.....	..	.....
157	Somerville.....	23	11 50	..	1	1	..	3	.....
158	Maysville.....	51	25 00	4	.....	2	.....	8	1
160	Mitchell.....	17	.. ..	1	1	3	..	..	.....
161	Penick.....	45	20 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
166	Sumter... ..	33	15 00	..	.....	1	..	4	.....
168	Mount Hope.....	22	10 50	..	3	1	.....	1	.....
169	Buena Vista... ..	22	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	..
170	Elba.....	55	26 50	1	1	3	.....	2	3
171	Clopton... ..	37	18 50	1	1	3	2	21	3
172	Fellowship... ..	54	24 50	4	2	1	5	..
173	Andrew Jackson....	60	30 00	12	2	4	3	4

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175	Ezel.	28	\$13 00	1	..	4	4	3	.
176	Davie... ..	17	20 50	6	..
177	Orion	23	11 00	2	1
178	Desotoville....	31	15 00	1	1	1
180	Mount Hilliard.....	34	17 00	1	1	2	..	3	....
181	Aberfoil. . . .	19	9 00	....	..	1	..	..	....
184	Brundidge	59	29 00	....	.	3	....	5	..
186	Catawla	45	22 50	2	1	1	1	3	..
188	Haw Ridge.....	37	17 00	....	....	8	5	3	....
189	Delta.....	42	19 00	....	1	3	4	2	.
191	Brush Creek.....	22	10 00	..	2	1	....	..	....
193	High Log. . . .	14	7 00	2	..	..	..	1	1
195	Opelika.	46	21 50	.	1	5	....	..	....
196	White Hall.....	20	9 50	1	1	....	..	....	..
197	Hillabee	43	20 50	1	2	2	2	..	....
198	Caledonia.....	31	15 50	..	1	..	2	3	....
199	Kilgee.....	..	11 00	....	..	..	....	..	....
200	Sylacauga. . . .	22	10 50	1	..	..	..	..	....
201	Helicon.....	54	24 50	..	1	9	.	3	1
203	Valley.	17	8 50	....	.	1	1	1	....
204	Manning Spring.....	22	10 50	2	3	2	1	....	..
205	Gainestown... ..	22	11 00	1	1	....	..	3	1
206	Moscow	34	16 00	6	3	4	....	1	.
207	Pettusville	24	11 00	....	....	1	1	2	1
208	Alexandria. . . .	32	30 00	2	3	2	2	2	....
209	Marshall.....	38	32 00	2	2	10	..	8	1
210	Ebenezer.....	28	14 00	....	.	2	3	4	1
211	York... ..	44	22 00	2	3	4	2	1	3
213	Euclid.	27	.. ..	3	....	....	....	1	....
214	Carrollton.. ..	38	17 00	2	....	3	.	2	1
216	Choctaw Corner.....	42	....	4	2	2	1	....	....
217	Spring Hill... ..	21	10 00	2	....	..	....	2	....
220	Pine Grove... ..	18	9 00	1	1	4	4	3	....
221	Tensaw	21	10 50	5	....	.	..	1	1
223	Sandy Ridge... ..	26	13 00	2	..	2	2	6	2
224	Newton.	53	25 50	2	2	3	1	4	3
228	Dallas.....	28	13 00	1	1	2	....	....	2
229	Lebanon.	51	23 00	1	....	1	....	1	....
230	Bexar... ..	80	37 00	7	3	9	1	3	5
232	Belmont	23	11 00	..	2	3
233	Sepulga.. ..	38	17 00	5	.	14	2
234	Isney... ..	34	15 50	1	3	1	1	1	1

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235	Harpersville	26	\$12 00	4	3	3
237	Tallassee.....	28	13 00	2	1	1	1	1
238	Fairmount.....	22	11 00
242	Coosa	36	14 00	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....
244	Dawson.	24	11 00	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
245	John Payne	55	.....	2	.....	5	.....	.....	1
246	Harrison.....	48	23 50	3	.....	3	.....	2	.....
248	Lawrence.....	30	13 00	.....	.....	4	.....	2	.....
249	Toluca... ..	19	8 00	1	1	3	.....	1	.....
250	Amand	29	14 00	2	3	1	.....	3	.....
252	Northport.....	48	22 50	5	..	10	5	4	.....
254	Quitman	44	22 00	1	1	3	.....	6	.....
256	Gaylesville.. ..	31	31 00	..	.	.....	.....	.....	.....
257	Ervin.....	62	23 00	3	3	17	1	10	3
258	Randolph.. ..	31	14 00	..	1	4	4	1	.....
259	Magnolia	20	10 00	2	1	1	1	1	.....
260	Bellville.....	30	14 00	.....	.	5	1	.....	.....
261	Talladega	33	16 00	1	2	.....	3	3	.....
262	Highland....	45	21 00	2	.	12	.....	1	.....
265	Meridian.....	27	13 00	2	..	4	.....	2	1
266	Mount Pleasant.....	16	7 50	2	2	1	..	1	.....
267	Wind Creek.	21	10 00	.....	.....	3	.....	2	.
270	Butler Spring... ..	36	16 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
271	Pea River.....	19	9 50	1	...	9	1	2	3
272	Clifton	22	10 00	1	.....	2	2	2	2
274	Paint Rock....	33	16 00	.....	1	13	.....	.....	.....
275	Frankfort... ..	30	13 00	..	4	7	4	.....	.....
276	Bullock.....	37	18 00	.....	.....	9	4	.....	1
277	Larkinsville.	18	7 50	2	1	3	3	1	1
278	Northern....	31	.....	.....	2	17	1	.....	4
279	Flat Creek.	29	14 50	2	.....	4	2	.....	1
281	Charles Baskerville..	28	10 50	1	3	10	1	4	.....
282	Richmond ..	18	9 00	1	.....	8	4	2	6
283	Daviston.....	31	.....	.	1	12	4	.....	2
285	Georgiana, U. D....	20	..	..	.....	11	.....	1	1
286	Walker ..	28	..	4	.....	10	.....	.....	3
287	Clinton.....	36	.....	.....	.....	8	11	.....	3
288	Hickory Flat, U. D	24	....	1	1	3	2	.....	2
289	Westobulga, U. D...	28	.....	1	.....	15	.....	.....	2
290	Gillespy.. ..	16	.....	1	4	5	1	.....	.....
291	Fort Deposit.	26	....	1	.....	3	10	.....	.....
292	Confederate.....	46	.....	.	.....	6	20	.....	.....

DEATHS IN 1861.

M. Kaiser:	Alabama	No. 3
Thomas J. Howell	Halo	" 5
Alanson Saltmarsh		
Everett Kelly		
Isaac Guiershafer		
John F. Duke		
Isaiah M. Wilson	Macon	" 7
S. E. Wilkes, Aug. 24	Farrar	" 8
Willis A. Wilson, Sept. 8	Gilead	" 9
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George Goldsby, February 13	Perry	" 34
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W. J. Jordan, Jan. 4... ..	Ridge Grove.....	" 128
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1	Helion.....	Huntsville.....	Madison.....	Huntsville..	William Gornly..	J. M. Hunter ..	2d Tuesday..
3	Alabama.....	Claiborne.....	Monroe.....	Claiborne ..	R. C. Torrey..	N. A. Agee.....	Saturday b. f. m..
5	Halo.....	Cahaba.....	Dallas.....	Cahaba ..	John A. Loder...	James L. Evans.	1st and 3d Sat...
7	Macon.....	Grove Hill.....	Clarke.....	Grove Hill..	Derusha Daffin...	R. J. Woodward.	Sat. b. f. 1st Mon..
8	Farrar.....	Elyton.....	Jefferson ..	Elyton ..	Nat. Hawkins...	R. A. Terrell ..	1st Saturday...
9	Gilead.....	Butler.....	Choctaw.....	Butler.....	Curtis N. Wilcox	J. C. Chapman...	3d Saturday.....
10	R. W. Hart.	Clayton.....	Barbour ..	Clayton.....	Charles Petty ..	N. A. Petty ..	2d and 4th Sat ..
11	Montgomery	Montgomery...	Montgomery	Montgomery.	Daniel Sayre....	Stephen S. Sikes.	1st and 3d Mon..
16	Athens.....	Athens.....	Limestone..	Athens.....	William A. Hine.	W. C. McEniry...	1st Monday ..
18	Limestone ..	Mooreville ..	Limestone..	Mooreville..	J. N. Martin.....	J. L. Herring....	2d Saturday.....
22	Saint Albans.	Linden....	Marengo.....	Linden ..	H. A. Woolf ..	Robert D. Hart..	1st Saturday.....
26	Lafayette ..	Greensboro'	Greene ..	Greensboro'	Thomas R. Ward.	John S. Tucker ..	3d Tuesday ..
27	Selma Fratern'l	Selma.....	Dallas ..	Selma ..	Richard Faxon..	H. C. Reynolds...	1st and 3d Mon..
31	Autauga.....	Autaugaville..	Autauga.....	Autaugaville.	B. F. Davis ..	A. W. McNeel.	Last Saturday...
33	Lowndes....	Hayneville ..	Lowndes ..	Hayneville ..	Wm. W. Adams.	E. W. Thompson.	1st Sat. b. f. m....
34	Perry ..	Marion.....	Perry ..	Marion.....	W. R. Brown..	C. C. Crowe.	1st Saturday ..
36	Washington	Tuscumbia..	Franklin..	Tuscumbia.	Wm. Simpson..	Ben. Pybas.....	2d Saturday ..
37	Courtland.....	Courtland.....	Lawrence ..	Courtland..	W. T. Simmons..	G. K. Clopper ..	1st Tuesday.....
39	Wetumpka ..	Wetumpka ..	Autauga ..	Wetumpka...	W. L. Cunningham	Wm. S. Penick ..	1st Saturday...
40	Mobile.....	Mobile ..	Mobile.....	Mobile.....	James Wilkins...	Wm. C. Bachelor.	Every Monday...
41	Livingston ..	Livingston.....	Sumter ..	Livingston...	H. R. Thornton..	J. L. Scruggs....	4th Saturday.....
43	Leighton ..	Leighton ..	Lawrence..	Leighton ..	Edward Goodwin.	L. H. Sadler.	Sat. b. 1st Sabbath
44	Gaston.....	Warsaw.....	Sumter ..	Warsaw.....	John H. Hargrove	J. J. Little.	1st Saturday.
45	Jackson ..	Gainesville ..	Sumter ..	Gainesville ..	A. D. Hall.....	A. H. Harris.....	Thursday b. f. m..
46	Harmony ..	Eufaula.....	Barbour ..	Eufaula.....	Thomas Cargile..	A. J. Carver.....	2d and 4th Sat...
47	Warren ..	Kingston.....	Autauga ..	Kingston.....	A. Sample.....	G. W. Benson....	3d Saturday.....
48	Vienna.....	Pleasant Ridge.	Greene ..	Pleasant R'ge	W. Westmoreland	R. E. Mobley.....	1st Saturday.....
49	Demopolis ..	Demopolis.....	Marengo ..	Demopolis...	A. Y. Sharge.....	E. A. Taylor.	2d Saturday.....

50	Union	Uniontown.....	Perry.. ..	Uniontown..	Wm. O. Hudson..	William Deason..	Saturday b. f. m..
51	Jefferson	Cedar Bluff.....	Cherokee...	Cedar Bluff..	Asbury Randle..	Sam'l W. Robbins	2d Friday.....
52	New Market...	New Market...	Madison.....	New Market.	George D. Norris	A. J. Morgan.....	1st and 3d Sat
54	Amity	Eutaw.....	Greene.....	Eutaw.....	T. C. Clarke.....	R. G. Redwood...	1st Monday.....
26	Troy.....	Troy.....	Pike	Troy.....	John Key..	J. R. Goldthwaite	1st and 3d Sat.
27	Tuskegee.....	Tuskegee	Macon	Tuskegee ..	Sidney B. Payne.	E. S. Grover	2d and 4th Sat.
57	Benton	Benton	Lowndes	Benton.....	R. J. Dudley.....	Henry Traun..	1st and 3d Sat.
59	Benton.....	Benton	Lowndes	Benton.....	R. J. Dudley.....	J. W. Johnston..	1st Saturday.....
61	Tompkinsville.	Tompkinsville.	Choctaw	Tompk'sville	Wm. R. Horn...	Thomas Pullum..	1st and 3d Friday
62	Saint Johns ..	Union Springs..	Macon	Union Spr'gs	John A. Greene.	John Gamble.....	1st and 3d Sat.
64	Eureka	Greenville.....	Butler	Greenville ..	James H. Duuklin	Joseph A. Groves	3d Saturday ..
65	Liberty.....	Liberty Hill...	Dallas	Liberty Hill..	J. J. Martin.....	Th. A. Sale. . .	Saturday b. f. m..
67	Hamp'n S'dn'y	Robinson's Sp'g	Autauga	Rob'n's Sp'ng	A. H. Whetstone.	D. W. Johnston..	4th Saturday.....
68	Holsey	Glennville..	Barbour	Glennville ..	A. C. Mitchell..	Peleg Brown.....	1st and 3d Tues.
69	Howard.....	Mobile.....	Mobile.....	Mobile.....	John Bowen.....	J. M. Denson.....	2d Saturday ..
70	Central	Montevallo.....	Shelby	Montevallo ..	John P. West....	John W. Johnston	3d Saturday.....
71	Tehopeka.....	Dadeville	Tallapoosa ..	Dadeville ..	A. D. Sturdivant.	P. J. Albritton...	Saturday b. f. m..
72	Widow's Son...	Snow Hill	Wilcox	Snow Hill...	John Moore.....	W H. Credille.....	1st and 3d Friday
74	Solomon's	Lafayette	Chambers ..	Chamb's C. H.	J. W. Oslin.....	Thos. L. Frazer.	1st and 3d Sat.
76	Auburn.....	Auburn.....	Macon.....	Auburn.....	W F. Slaton.....	J. C. Willis.....	1st Saturday.....
77	Uchee	Uchee	Russell	Uchee	Marcellus B. Jelks	J. M. Andrews...	2d Thursday.....
78	Crozier.....	White Plains...	Calhoun.....	White Plains	William Johnston	J. L. Robinson ..	Friday a. f. m....
79	Fredonia	Fredonia	Chambers...	Fredonia	Wm, J. Grady...	James Cook.....	Friday b. f. m....
80	Wilcox.....	Allenton	Wilcox.....	Allenton.....	James A. Crooke.	J. M. Hudgins...	2d and 4th Friday
82	Bellefonte	Bellefonte	Jackson.....	Bellefonte...	Thomas B. Parks.	J. D. Kerch.....	1st Saturday.....
83	Friendship...	Centerville	Bibb	Centerville ..	E. H. Moren..	E. D. Lavender	Saturday b. f. m..
84	Erophotic	Briggs.....	Lowndes	Briggs	M. G. Haygood ..	W H. Stanton..	1st and 3d Sat....
86	Cotton Valley.	Cotton Valley.	Macon	Cott'n Valley	Abel Tatton....	H. B. Boynton...	Friday b. f. m....
88	Meridian Sun..	Pleasant Hill...	Dallas.....	Pleasant Hill	J. A. Wood.....	Samuel S. Booth.	Monday b. f. m....
89	Prattville	Prattville.....	Autauga.....	Prattville ..	L. Spigener.....	Thos. J. Owen..	Last Saturday....
92	Triana	Triana.....	Madison.....	Triana.....	E. F. Betts ..	J. M. Hightower.	1st Monday.....
93	Sawyer	Wedowee.....	Randolph.....	Wedowee....	T. L. Pittman.....		

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94	Philodorian	Cusseta..	Chambers	Cusseta.....	Reuben Jones..	T. L. Scott.	Sat. b. 2d Sunday
95	Danville..	Danville.....	Morgan.....	Danville.....	J. M. Simpson...	J. Y. Ferguson..	2d and 4th Sat...
96	Tuckabatchee.	Crawford.....	Russell.....	Crawford.....	Wilson Williams..	St. W. Hopkins.	2d and 4th Sat...
97	Lozahatchee..	Goshen.....	Cherokee	Goshen.....	John N. Hudson..	W. W. Little.....	Sat. b. 3d Sunday
98	Fulton	Orrville.....	Dallas.....	Orrville.....	W. E. Beaird.....	W. R. Smyly.....	2d Saturday.....
99	Salem	Salem.....	Russell.....	Salem.....	D. W. Floyd.....	R. K. Beauchamp	2d and 4th Sat..
101	Hartwell.....	Oxford.....	Calhoun	Oxford.....	S. C. Williams..	S. Morgan	1st Friday
102	Newbern.....	Newbern.....	Greene	Newbern	J. W. McCann....	P. J. Knox.....	1st Monday
103	Benson	Mechanicsville.	Bibb	Maplesville.....	S. D. McCary.....	William P. Cobb..	3d Saturday.....
104	Good Samaritan	Dudleyville ..	Tallapoosa...	Dudleyville.....	Samuel C. Dailey	William L. Park..	Wed'y a. 3d Sab.
105	Shiloh.....	Hampden	Marengo.....	Hampden.....	T. S. Threadgill..	J. W. Threadgill.	3d Saturday.....
106	Hermion.....	Sumterville..	Sumter	Sumterville.....	Edward Herndon	J. R. Ramsey.....	Sat. b. f. m.
107	Choctaw	Pushmataha	Choctaw.....	Pushmataha.....	James A. Gilder	Jacob L. Gilder..	4th Saturday.....
108	Oak Bowery..	Oak Bowery.....	Chambers...	Oak Bowery.....	James J. Harris..	R. H. Williams...	2d and 4th Thurs.
110	Forest Hill.....	Pleasant Grove	Pickens.....	Pleasant Grove	J. P. Cosper.....	A. J. Slaughter...	2d Saturday ..
111	Sylvan	Foster's	Tuscaloosa...	Foster's.....	J. Collier Foster..	E. H. B. Livermon	2d Saturday.....
112	Union	Brooklyn	Conecuh.....	Brooklyn.....	A. J. Robinson..	C. Backstein.....	4th Saturday.....
115	Warrior Stand.	Warrior Stand.	Macon	Warrior Stand	E. S. Prince.....	Wiley S. Lane....	2d and 4th Sat..
117	Perryville	Perryville	Perry.....	Perryville	Wm. S. Miree....	Joseph C. Airey..	3d Saturday.....
118	Russell	Silver Run.....	Russell.....	Scale's Station	S. F. Powers.....	Samuel D. Strong	2d and 4th Sat...
122	Coffeeville	Coffeeville.....	Clarke.....	Coffeeville.....	John W. Bell.....	F. G. Christinas..	4th Saturday.....
123	Havana.....	Havana.....	Greene.....	Havana.....	Reese B. Allen...	William W. Long	1st Wednesday...
124	Felix	Midway	Barbour.....	Midway.....	H. R. Leverett..	D. Patterson.....	2d and 4th Sat..
125	Herndon	Union	Greene.....	Union	J. A. Richardson.	I. T. Smith.....	2d Saturday.....
126	Tallapoosa.....	Rock Spring....	Tallapoosa...	Desoto	M. Reeder.....	H. P. Smith.....	1st Saturday.....
127	Bolivar	Stevenson.....	Jackson	Stevenson	T. Boyd Foster	J. B. Ragsdale..	1st and 3d Friday
128	Ridge Grove.	Ridge Grove.....	Macon	Loachapoka.....	Zach. McKenney	H. H. Howell.....	4th Saturday.....
129	Geneva.....	Geneva	Coffee	Geneva	John Y. Register	M. D. Schloss.....	1st and 3d Sat..

131	Yorkville	Yorkville	Pickens	Yorkville ..	John J. W. Payne	Wash. Pridmore.	Saturday b. f. m.
132	Roanoke	Roanoke ..	Randolph ..	Roanoke ..	Wiley E. White.	J. H. Davis	2d and 4th Thurs.
133	Loachapoka	Loachapoka.	Macon ..	Loachapoka.	Myles J. Greene.	W. Bloodworth.	2d Saturday
134	Wiley	Farrortville ..	Pike ..	Farrortville	J. M. Johnson	George Willhaus.	1st and 3d Sat.
136	Unity ..	L. P. Tree ..	Wilcox ..	L. P. Tree ..	C. C. Curtis	J. Mayer	4th Saturday.
137	Rockford	Rockford	Coosa ..	Rockford ..	Isaac W. Suttle	E. R. Vernon	Sat. b 2d Sabbath
138	Bradford	Bradford	Coosa ..	Socopatoy ..	R. A. Mitchell	J. C. Jones.	2d Saturday ..
139	Chilton ..	La Place ..	Macon	La Place ..	N. Crawford ..	S. B. Cloud.	1st and 3d Sat.
140	Shelby ..	Columbiana ..	Shelby	Columbiana.	James T. Sleeper ..	Willie H. Pope.	Last Friday ..
141	Bethel ..	Arbacoochee ..	Randolph ..	Arbacoochee	Jeremiah Smith ..	E. D. Taylor ..	1st Thursday ..
142	Baldwin ..	Stockton ..	Baldwin ..	Stockton	James M. Vaughn ..	J. F. Shackleford.	2d Saturday
143	Burleson ..	Burleson	Franklin ..	Burleson	W. Weatherford ..	Anderson Orr ..	1st Saturday
144	Daleville	Daleville	Dale ..	Daleville	J. R. Cordell	D. R. Thomas ..	1st and 3d Sat.
146	Missouri ..	Perote	Pike	Perote	D. A. McCall	Jas. W. Croseley.	3d Saturday
149	Chambers	Milltown ..	Chambers ..	Milltown ..	F. S. Bowling ..	J. T. Fargason.	1st and 3d Sat. ..
150	Etam ..	Hamburg ..	Perry ..	Hamb'g Sta'n	Charles H. Wood ..	William Spencer	1st Sat. a. f. m. ..
152	Mt. Jefferson ..	Rough & Ready	Chambers ..	Mt. Jefferson.	James B. Jett	Wm. T. Brown ..	3d Saturday ..
153	Monroe ..	Monroe ..	Monroe ..	Monroe ..	John De Loach	W. W. Simmons.	Sat. b. 4th Sab.
155	Eastaboga	Eastaboga ..	Talladega ..	Eastaboga ..	C. G. Cunningham	Wm. Montgomery	3d Saturday
157	Somerville	Somerville ..	Morgan ..	Somerville ..	H. M. Welch	Sam'l S. Morrow	1st Wednesday ..
158	Maysville ..	Maysville ..	Madison ..	Maysville ..	Thomas J. Taylor ..	F. E. H. Steger	Friday b. f. m.
160	Mitchell ..	Turkeytown ..	Cherokee ..	Turkeytown ..	James A. Cowan ..	W. C. Baskin	1st Wed. and Sat
161	Penick ..	Cent'l Institute.	Coosa ..	Cent'l Ins'tute	T. U. T. McEane ..	Wm. M. Lindsay.	Saturday b. f. m.
166	Sumter ..	Gaston ..	Sumter	Gaston ..	A. E. Brockway ..	W. W. Coats	3d Saturday
168	Mount Hope ..	Mount Hope.	Lawrence ..	Mount Hope.	Jas. H. Patterson	D. M. Kinnard ..	Sat. b. 4th Sab. ..
169	Buena Vista ..	Magnolia	Macon ..	Union Spr'gs	Joseph R. Wood ..	William D. Hooks	3d Saturday ..
170	Elba ..	Elba ..	Office ..	Elba ..	Wm. F. Beard	W. B. Haislead ..	1st and 3d Sat.
171	Clopton ..	Barnes' Mills	Dale ..	Barnes' Mills	James M. Bridges	Benj. J. S. Powell	2d and 4th Sat.
172	Fellowship Ch.	Fellowship Ch.	Pickens ..	Reform	Robert A. McCord	James Berry	4th Saturday ..
173	And. Jackson ..	Montgomery.	Montgomery.	Montgomery.	E. M. Hastings.	H. W. Crittenden.	1st and 3d Tues. ..
175	Ezel ..	Olustee ..	Pike ..	Olustee Creek	Gus. Hendrick ..	J. W. A. Jackson	3d Saturday ..

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176	Davie	Indian Creek..	Pike	Indian Creek	T. H. Dennis....	Reuben Cape.....	2d Saturday
177	Orion	Orion	Pike	Orion	W C. Menefee..	A. C. McDonald..	2d and 4th Sat..
178	Desotoville..	Desotoville....	Choctaw....	Desotoville.	Simeon Walton..	Azmond A. Beall	3d Saturday
180	Mt. Hilliard	Mt. Hilliard..	Pike.. ..	Mt. Hilliard.	John McCress..	J. T. Sentell.....	2d and 4th Sat....
181	Aberfoil	Aberfoil	Macon.....	Aberfoil	John J. Pitts.	Roder'k Bethune	4th Saturday..
184	Brundidge....	Brundidge.....	Pike.....	Brundidge..	Jas. M. Andrew..	John H. Jones.	1st and 3d Sat
186	Catawba	Ashville	Saint Clair..	Ashville	Wm. A. Edward..	Edward Goode..	Friday b. f. m.
188	Haw Ridge....	Haw Ridge.....	Coffee	Haw Ridge.	Isaac N. Preston.	J. M. Carmichael	1st and 3d Sat..
189	Delta	Kizer Hill.....	Choctaw	Nich's Store.	D. M. Campbell.	S. H. Bell ..	2d Saturday....
191	Brush Creek.	Brush Creek..	Perry	Marion	George S. Turner	S. W. Blackburn	Saturday b. f. m..
193	High Log	Green Wood....	Montgomery	Line Creek.	George Stowars...	S. C. Rutland.	1st Saturday P. M
195	Opelika	Opelika	Russell	Opelika.....	O. P. Jones.	James R. Greene.	1st and 3d Wed..
196	White Hall....	Opelika	De Kalb..	Valley Head	R. S. Price.....	John L. Barnard.	Friday b. f. m....
197	Hillabee..	Pinckneville..	Tallapoosa...	Pin'kn'yville	M. G. Slaughter...	N. T. Barnes.....	2d Saturday....
198	Caledonia	Woodville.....	Henry	Open Pond..	W Wood.	Nat. Pace.	2d and 4th Sat...
199	Kilgore.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
200	Sylacauga ..	Sylacauga.....	Talladega.	Sylacauga	B. F. Morriss..	J. M. Lanning....	3d Saturday.....
201	Helicon ..	Helicon	Lowndes ..	Helicon.....	George M. Jordan	Wm. G. Stark....	2d Saturday.....
203	Valley	Wacoochee....	Russell.	Wacoochee	Oswell Albright..	Eli Worthen. .	1st and 2d Sat...
204	Manning Spr'g	Manning Spr'g	Montgomery	Mount Meigs	G. H. B. Mathews	W C. Manning.	2d Saturday
205	Gainestown ..	Gainestown ..	Clarke	Gainestown	Chas. Shaumfield	Joseph C. Smith.	1st Saturday...
206	Moscow	Moscow	Marion	Moscow.....	J. W. Seizemore	Leroy Kennedy..	Saturday b. f. m.
207	Pettusville..	Pettusville....	Limestone	Pettusville..	Wm. W Phillips	Thomas B. Daly	2d Friday.. ..
208	Alexandria....	Alexandria....	Calhoun ..	Alexandria..	John Brock.....	S. D. McLelland.	Sat. b. 2d Sabbath
209	Marshall	Guntersville ..	Marshall ..	Guntersville.	L. D. Jusk.	W H. Wiggs....	2d Friday....
210	Ebenezer....	Spring Hill....	Barbour	Cowkeee....	Sol. G. Burke.....	Thos. H. Davis.	2d and 4th Sat...
211	York	Jasper.....	Walker ..	Jasper	Frank. A. Gamble	Thos. M. Gabbert	2d Wednesday ..
213	Eucld.	Fort Browder..	Barbour	Fort Brower	H. J. Iuby.....	R. Worthington.	1st and 3d Sat.

214	Carrollton.....	Carrollton	Pickens	Carrollton..	Hansel Shepherd	Jas. G. Longmire	Sat. b. 4th Sab ..
216	Choctaw Corn'r	Choctaw Corn'r	Clarke...	Choctaw Cor.	W. H. Abernethy	W. H. Slade.....	4th Saturday ..
217	Spring Hill	Spring Hill...	Marengo ..	Spring Hill...	Th. S. Abernethy	Charles B. Mason	4th Saturday.....
220	Pine Grove ..	Pine Grove...	Pike	Pine Grove...	F. M. Emerson ..	Leroy J. Johns ..	1 and 3 Sat. P. M.
221	Tensaw	Mont'g Hill...	Baldwin ..	Mont'g Hill...	Henry L. Harris...	Adolph Feist.....	4th Saturday.....
223	Sandy Ridge...	Sandy Ridge...	Lowndes	Sandy Ridge	A. B. McWhorter	Geo. N. Powell.	Sat. b. 2d Sabbath
224	Newton ..	Newton..	Dale	Newton ..	Alex. Borland ..	Hy. J. Simpson.	2d and 4th Sat..
228	Dallas	Chulafinnee...	Randolph ..	Chulafinnee..	(Dead)	W. T. Wood ..	4th Saturday ..
229	Lebanon.....	Marion	Perry	Marion ..	F. A. Bates.	Wm. A. Corbin.	1st Tuesday
230	Bexar	Marion.....	Marion.....	Bexar	John Y. Cowden	J. F. Spearman.	Saturday a. f. m..
232	Belmont.	Belmont.	Sumter	Belmont.....	John Z. Tutt ..	Chas. C. Elliott.	3d Saturday.....
233	Sepulga	Starlington ..	Butler	Starlington ..	James W. Page.	Geo. H. McClure	Saturday b. f. m.
234	Isney	Isney	Choctaw	Isney	Joseph B. Moody	Wm. M. Groves.	4th Saturday ..
235	Harpersville	Harpersville...	Shelby ..	Harpersville...	John M. Kidd....	Wm. M. Hannah	2d Saturday
237	Tallassee ..	Tallassee	Tallapoosa	Tallassee ..	Robt. T. Ashurst	A. J. Patterson ..	4th Saturday ..
238	Fairmount.	Fairmount.	Covington...	Red Level....	J. L. Stealy.....	Lemuel S. Harvill	2d Saturday
242	Coosa.....	Bayekville.....	Coosa	Bayekville...	John E. Hannon.	Noel J. Lewis.	2d Saturday
244	Dawson ..	Oaky Streak...	Butler ..	Oaky Streak...	Toliver Florence	William H. Rose	Sat. b. 1 & 3d Sab
246	John Payne...	Millport	Fayette ..	Millport	Wm. E. Cameron	J. R. Mitchell...	Sat. b. 3d Sabbath
248	Harrison ..	Henderson ..	Pike	Henderson ..	Stephen D. Smilie	Hy. M. Bradley...	4th Sat., A. M..
249	Lawrence	Lawrenceville.	Henry	Lawrence v'le	John Jones	Elijah Ray ..	1st and 3d Sat ..
250	Toloca.....	Toloca	Butler ..	Greenville....	P. H. Drake.....	J. L. Simpson ..	Sat. b. 1st Sab....
250	Amund ..	Barbourville	Autauga ..	Chestnut C'k	David A. White..	Kinion Wells ...	4th Saturday
252	Northport..	Northport	Tuscaloosa.	Northport ..	James Mills, Jr.	Henry H. Brown	3d Saturday
254	Quitman	East Georgia...	Butler.....	East Georgia,	Francis M. Mize	M. G. Hammond	2d and 4th Sat..
257	Ervin	Kansas	Walker ..	Kansas.....	David Manasco.	A. J. Ingle.....	3d Saturday
258	Randolph	Randolph	Bibb ..	Randolph ..	G. Smitherman.	Jos. R. Eastburn	4th Saturday ..
259	Magnolia.....	Mobile	Mobile	Mobile	Fred. Stewart..	John Sanny.....	Sat. b. 2d Sab.
260	Bellville.	Bellville	Concehu ..	Bellville.	Henry M. Cook...	W. H. Thornton	1st Friday
261	Talladega	Talladega	Talladega ..	Talladega ..	Jos. H. Johnson.	E. F. Lee.....	1st Saturday
262	Highland	Hillsboro'	Shelby	Hillsboro' ..	Moses G. Fields...		

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265	Meridian ...	Meridianville.	Madison	Meridianville	J. M. Humphrey.	M. K. Taylor ...	Friday b. f. m ...
266	Mt. Pleasant..	Mt. Pleasant..	Monroe	Mt. Pleasant.	Wm. H. Norris	A. J. McDonald..	2d Saturday
267	Wind Creek ..	Wind Creek ..	Tallapoosa..	Wind Creek.	Joseph Lambeth	Wm. T. Coker ..	2d Saturday
270	Butler Springs	Pine Flat	Butler	Butler Spring	C. C. Cleveland..	John R. Barge	1st Saturday ...
271	Pea River	New Hope Ch.	Coffee	Buzbeeville..	Linton L. Moses.	Jacob J. Mason.	2d and 4th Sat...
272	Cifton	Clifton	Wilcox...	Clifton	R. C. Parker.....	Theo. H. Watson	Sat. b. f. m.....
274	Paint Rock ..	Paint Rock...	Jackson ...	Paint Rock.	L. G. Mead.	J. M. Peevey	2d and 4th Tues.
275	Frankfort....	Frankfort ...	Franklin ...	Frankfort..	Jesse M. Lamb.	Charles Womble.	3d Saturday
276	Bullock	Bullock	Coffee	Bullock ...	S. A. Warren.	A. H. Justice.....	1st Saturday
277	Larkinsville ..	Larkinsville ..	Jackson ..	Larkinsville..	John F. Martin...	L. H. Grubbs...	1st and 3d Thurs.
278	Northern ...	Vienna.....	Madison	New Hope...	Wm. F. Sullivan.	J. R. Johnson .	2d and 4th Sat.
279	Flat Creek..	Pineville.....	Monroe	Newto'n Act	Wm. J. Obannon	Wm. H. Marshall	Saturday b. f. m.
281	C. Baskerville..	Fayette C. H.	Fayette	Fayette C. H.	William Owens.	John C. Moore.	Saturday b. f. m.
282	Richmond ..	Richmond	Dallas	Richmond ...	W. P. Brunson...	John F. Womack.	Saturday b. f. m.
283	Daviston	Daviston	Tallapoosa.	Daviston.....	John H. Chisolm.	T. J. Strickland..	1st and 2d Sat...
285	Georgiana, U D	Georgiana	Butler	Georgiana ...	David McKee....	E. C. Milner	1st and 3d Sat...
286	Walker	Arkadelphia ..	Walker ..	Arkadelphia..	W. B. Drennen.	John H. Duncan	1 Sat & Fri. b. 3 S.
287	Clinton ..	Skipperville ...	Dale ..	Skipperville..	R. P. Peacock..	Ransom Deal..	2d and 4th Sat...
288	H. Flat, U. D.	Hickory Flat.	Chambers ...	Hickory Flat.	James M. Adams.	D. F. Friesland.	Wed. b f m & 2 w.
289	Wesbulga, U D	Wesobulga.....	Randolph...	Wesobulga.	Charles P. Sisson.	Colman A. Allen.	2d and 4th Sat.
290	Gillespy	Handy	Fayette	Handy ...	Jer. Manasco.	Jasper N. Smith	Sat b 1st Sat, A M
291	Fort Deposit..	Fort Deposit...	Lowndes...	Fort Deposit	A. McDaniel	Needham Smith	2d and 4th Sat...
292	Confederate....	Fort Morgan...	Baldwin	Fort Morgan.	Wm. M. Hames..	Geo. H. Forney..	Ev. Fri. and Mon.

Sabbaths and Full Moons in 1862.

JANUARY—Sabbaths—5th, 12th, 19th, 26th. Full Moon, Wednesday, 15th, 8h. 10m. P. M.

FEBRUARY—Sabbaths—2d, 9th, 16th, 23d. Full Moon, Friday 14th, 11h. 40m. A. M.

MARCH—Sabbaths—2d, 9th, 16th, 23d, 30th. Full Moon, Saturday, 15th, 11h. 16m. P. M.

APRIL—Sabbaths—6th, 13th, 20th, 27th. Full Moon, Monday 14th, 10h. 3m. A. M.

MAY—Sabbaths—4th, 11th, 18th, 25th. Full Moon, Tuesday, 13th, 5h. 39m. P. M.

JUNE—Sabbaths—1st, 8th, 15th, 22d, 29th. Full Moon, Tuesday 12th, 0h. 57m. A. M.

JULY—Sabbaths—6th, 13th, 20th, 27th. Full Moon, Friday, 11th, 8h. 19m. A. M.

AUGUST—Sabbaths—3d, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st. Full Moon, Saturday, 9th, 4h. 33m. P. M.

SEPTEMBER—Sabbaths—7th, 14th, 21st, 28th. Full Moon, Monday, 8th, 2h. 48m. A. M.

OCTOBER—Sabbaths—6th, 13th, 20th, 27th. Full Moon, Tuesday, 7th, 3h. 29m. P. M.

NOVEMBER—Sabbaths—2d, 9th, 16th, 23d, 30th. Full Moon, Tuesday, 6th, 7h. 34m. A. M.

DECEMBER—Sabbaths—7th, 14th, 21st, 28th. Full Moon, Saturday, 6th, 2h. 17m. A. M.

Masonic Calendar.

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS commence their era from the creation of the world, calling it* *Anno Lucis* (A. L.) "in the year of Light."

SCOTCH RITE, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish Chronology is used, *Anno Mundi*, (A. M.) "in the year of the world."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS, date from the year the second Temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, *Anno Inventionis*, (A. Inv.) "in the year of the Discovery."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS, date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, *Anno Depositionis*, (A. Dep.) "in the year of the Deposit."

KNIGHT TEMPLARS commence their Era with the organization of the order, *Anno Ordinis*, (A. O.) "in the year of the Order."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES.

1. ANCIENT CRAFT—Add 4000 years to the common time. Thus: 1862 and 4000=5862.

2. SCOTCH RITE—Add 3760 to the common era. Thus: 1862 and 3760=5622. After September add another year.

3. ROYAL ARCH—Add 530 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1862 and 530=2392.

4. ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—Add 1000 to the common time. Thus: 1862 and 1000=2862.

5. KNIGHT TEMPLARS—From the Christian era take 1118. Thus: 1118 from 1862=744.

THE PRESENT.

Year of the Lord, A. D.	1862—Christian Era.
Year of the Light, A. L.	5862—Ancient Craft.
Year of the World, A. M.	5622—Scotch Rite.
Year of the Discovery, A. Inv.	2392—Royal Arch.
Year of the Deposit, A. Dep.	2862—Royal and S. Masters.
Year of the Order, A. O.	744—Knight Templars.

* Not claimed to be coeval with the Creation, but has symbolic reference to the Light of Masonry.

Correspondence.

GOVERNOR SHORTER—*Sir*: Under the authority of a preamble and resolution, a copy of which we have the honor of submitting to your Excellency, we have been appointed a Committee on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, to wait upon you, and hand you a copy of said preamble and resolution, and also a warrant upon the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge for the amount of money therein specified. The Committee, in common with every member of the Grand Lodge, regret that the sum is not many times greater than it is, but it is all the Grand Lodge had over and above what was necessarily retained for ordinary contingent expenses. The Grand Lodge regrets that any necessity should exist for the appropriation of money to be expended in the manner indicated, but that necessity is forced upon us by a war, equally unjust, unholy, and opposed to the great principles asserted and established by our forefathers of 1776; and while the Grand Lodge has a dollar in its Treasury at its command, it will, freely and joyfully appropriate it towards the maintenance and relief of our citizen soldiery who have patriotically gone forth to secure our liberty and independence by the bloody arbitrament of the tented field.

Your Excellency will permit the Grand Lodge, and also the Committee who are acting as its organ, on this occasion, to congratulate themselves that the large discretion which the preamble and resolutions allow, is confided to one who has in several capacities proved himself eminently worthy of the high trusts which have been reposed in him, and whose zeal and intelligence in the energetic prosecution of the war, so far as it depends upon him, will vindicate the sagacity of the people of Alabama in elevating him to the high and responsible position of their political head.

(Signed)

DANIEL SAYRE,
E. M. HASTINGS,
N. B. CLOUD,
Committee.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA,
December 6, 1861. }

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of this date, enclosing the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, by which is appropriated the sum of *twenty-five hundred dollars*, for the use of the sick and disabled soldiers of Alabama, in the army of the Confederate States; and also a warrant drawn by the Grand Master on the Grand Treasurer, in my favor, as Governor of Alabama, for the above amount, to be disbursed, in accordance with the instructions of the Grand Lodge.

This liberal donation, springing from the warm and generous impulses of a Fraternity, identified with the noblest deeds of charity, and the highest exhibitions of patriotism, will fill the popular heart with joy and gratitude. In behalf of Alabama, I thank you for this timely contribution to a cause, which demands the combined means and energies of the whole people. The cruel war now being waged against us, will peril the health and lives of neighbors and friends—of loved ones—but the Grand Lodge of Alabama will have the unspeakable satisfaction, to know that, to the utmost of its ability, it has relieved the sufferings of those gallant men who shall have gone forth to endure privations, and encounter disease and death, in the defense of their homes and country.

I have deposited the holy offering with the Treasurer of the State, and it will afford me infinite pleasure to apply it in advancement of the humane purpose for which it is designed; and the disposition which may be made of it shall, in due time, be communicated to the Grand Lodge.

I beg to return through you, to the Grand Lodge, my grateful acknowledgments for the confidence expressed by the high trust confided to me, and I thank you, gentlemen, for the kind terms in which you have been pleased to address me.

Respectfully, yours,
JNO. GILL SHORTER.

Messrs. DANIEL SAYRE,
E. M. HASTINGS, } Committee.
N. B. CLOUD.

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For 1862.

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" "	R. J. DUDLEY	Benton....	Jr. Grand Warden.
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" "	T. U. T. McCANE. ...	Central Institute.	S. G. Deacon.
" "	THOS. J. TAYLOR. ...	Maysville ..	J. G. Deacon.
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	JOHN F. SMITH, }		
	THOS. McDOUGAL.	Montgomery	Grand Tiler.

Notice to Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges.

Every Lodge shall elect its officers at the regular meeting immediately preceding the festival in June, and make due return thereof to the Grand Secretary so soon as the officers elect are installed, which shall take place as soon as practicable thereafter.

Constitution of the Grand Lodge, Art. VI, Sec. 16.

Grand Master:

WILLIAM H. NORRIS... Mount Pleasant.

Chmn. of the Com. On Foreign Correspondence:

JOHN A. LODOR... Cahaba.

Grand Secretary:

DANIEL SAYRE.... Montgomery.

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